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ASIANA, AVIACHARTER FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS

\$35M impact on CNMI tourism

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Although the cancellation of airline services for the Russian and Korean markets in upcoming months is only temporary, it is projected to have a negative impact on the CNMI worth about \$31 million, according to Marianas Visitors Authority executive director Perry Tenorio.

Tenorio said yesterday that, aside from cruise ships, airlines are the CNMI's only link to its tourism markets, so any disruption in flight services is bound to have a significant effect.

"Ship arrivals to the CNMI account for less than 2 percent. Given this, the cancellation of any air service to the CNMI should be a concern," he said.



Tenorio

The key airline provider for the Russian market is AviaCharters DV, while Asiana Airlines brings in most of the islands' Korean tourists.

With AviaCharters canceling flights from Sept. 1 to Oct. 27 to make way for a new flight program, *Saipan Tribune* learned that key hotels that

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OAG solicits consumer complaints vs airlines

The Office of the Attorney General announced yesterday that it is soliciting consumer protection complaints

regarding airline companies to forward to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Any consumer protection complaints involving the airlines must be provided to the Office of the Attorney General no later than Aug. 20, 2014.

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Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian), center, addresses delegation members during yesterday's session where they passed a bill appropriating \$2 million for Tinian retirees, their survivors and other island programs. From left, Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), Sen. Jack Borja (Ind-Tinian), Borja, Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), and delegation clerk Alice Leon Guerrero.

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Local

'Governor asks for new CW cap of 12,000-plus'

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos is recommending a new CW permit cap of "12,000-plus" for 2015, press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday. The law requires an annual reduction in the CW cap until it is zeroed out by the end of the transition period, now in 2019. The 2014 cap is 14,000.

Demapan said the administration will release the exact requested cap later.

He said this was discussed during the governor's recent

meeting with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Honolulu district director David Gullick.

While the current cap is at 14,000, only about 12,000 CW permits have been granted, but businesses want an accommodation of an expanding economy's labor needs. Tourism has been picking up, and major hotel construction projects are lined up.

Alex Sablan, Saipan Chamber of Commerce president, said yesterday that the business group recommended to both the governor and Delegate Grego-

rio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) "to study the matter in-depth based on the casino and proposed new hotel [developments]."

"Just for Saipan, I am estimating we will require 16,000. It is my understanding that Tinian will also require a considerable number of workers estimated at 3,500..." Sablan said.

The CNMI's current labor pool—U.S. workers and foreign workers—won't be enough to meet all the workforce needs once these major construction projects begin.

An over \$3 billion integrated casino resort on Saipan alone would need a minimum of 2,000 rooms to be built from the ground up. At least four other major hotels will be built in San

Antonio, Garapan, and Marpi, and others will be renovated.

The government, along with

private sector partners, has also been pushing for increased training and hiring of U.S. citi-

zens to prepare for the end of the CW program five years from now.

MILE CNMI schedules meetings with gubernatorial candidates

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MILE CNMI, a new group of young voters dedicated to promoting political awareness and voter registration among the youth, have scheduled meetings with the gubernatorial candidates.

During their meeting Friday at the American Memorial Park, the group finalized their schedule as well as made further plans for voter registration drives in the community.

MILE CNMI is scheduled to meet Gov. Eloy Inos today at his campaign headquarters in Gualo Rai.

According to group organizer Irene Tantiado, Inos will address the group during the meeting, with a question-and-answer session following.

On Thursday, the group will meet with Heinz Hofschneider at his campaign office, and the following week, they will meet with former governor Juan Babauta.

MILE CNMI, whose acronym stands for "Maximum Impact Leading Excellence" discussed their role in the community during their last meet-

ing. Consensus was found on whether the group was a political one or a group for the community.

They decided that they were a community group and added beach cleanups to voter registration drives and political education campaigns on their to-do list.

The group is running an informal poll on their MILE CNMI Facebook page to gauge the amount of interest for candidates among the voters they interact with.

Carlo Ocaya, who became a member of the group on Friday, said he heard about the group meeting from his mom.

"I'm hoping to bring a voice, and be a person who can be active and help people out," he said.

He said that as a U.S. citizen, getting his voice heard might help many of his friends who are in a "difficult situation."

One issue that was previously discussed in the group's meetings concerned children of guest workers whose parents had to leave the Commonwealth because their uncertain immigration status left them unable to stay on island.

RE-ELECTION BID ▲ Incumbent Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz is joined by his family, friends, and supporters soon after making formal his re-election bid with the filing of his candidacy papers with the Commonwealth Election Commission on Tinian on Aug. 6, 2014. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



4.8 quake jolts Saipan, Tinian

A 4.8-magnitude earthquake occurred near Saipan yesterday at noon and the tremor, which lasted between three to four seconds, was felt on the island as well as on Tinian.

CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management special assistant Marvin K. Seman told *Saipan Tribune* there were no reports of injuries and damage to property.

Seman said they issued a bulletin announcing that there was no tsunami watch or warning as

a result of the earthquake.

"It's fairly deep underground," he said, adding that the epicenter was approximately 11 miles south of Saipan.

Seman said the quake's cause is undetermined.

According to the U.S. Geological Service, the tremor occurred at 12:41pm, with the epicenter at 15 kilometers southwest of the Northern Islands at a depth of 75.70 miles (121.83 km).

A man said he was sitting on

a bench on the ground floor of the Marianas Business Plaza Building in Susupe when he felt the building shake. He said he ran outside, but before he could get into the parking area, the shaking had already stopped.

"It was really shaking the building so I ran outside. But the shaking stopped after a few seconds so I went back to my seat, thinking that it was only caused by strong winds," he said. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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BRIDGE CAPITAL DONATION

Esther Fleming, center, the governor's special assistant for administration, receives a check donation on behalf of a few government entities, from Bridge Capital LLC manager and co-owner Shawn Scott, right. Also in photo is Gov. Eloy S. Inos, left.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Senate to give PSS additional \$1.6M to meet MOE

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Senators confirmed yesterday they are poised to give the Public School System an additional \$1.6 million, on top of what the House of Representatives gave them under the \$134.33-million budget bill for fiscal year 2015, to be able to meet the federal Maintenance-of-Efforts requirements, reduce class sizes, and address other needs. The budget bill is still under Senate review.

"The bottom line is, the MOE has to be met first and foremost," Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) said yesterday. "We are seriously looking at the possibility for that, yes."

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) pushed the idea of giving PSS an additional \$1.6 million during a Senate leadership meeting so that PSS would be able to comply with the MOE requirements.

"The Senate leadership, led by President Torres, agreed

with my recommendation. I am thankful for my colleagues for supporting this," Reyes said.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan asked the Senate in a July 25 letter to give PSS an additional \$1.6 million. She said the House's proposed \$32.279 million disregarded PSS' request for more funding.

However, while the Senate is poised to give PSS a total of at least \$33.879 million for 2015, the House could still reject or make changes to the Senate version of the budget bill.

Reyes said the \$1.6 million that will be added to PSS' budget will be coming from a \$1.7 million earmark for the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The senator, however, clarified that the House gave MVA its requested 2015 budget. He said the \$1.7 million is on top of MVA's main budget.

"So the additional earmark for MVA will not affect MVA's main appropriation," Reyes said, adding that some House

members expressed support to the Senate's move so long as MVA's operations won't be affected, considering that tourism is on the upswing.

Reyes said the leadership is still trying to get more information from Northern Marianas College, also to ensure that its 2015 budget will meet MOE requirements.

Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) has planned to meet with agencies about their 2015 budget, before recommending action to the full Senate on the budget bill.

A new budget has to be passed and signed into law by Oct. 1, or the government will have to shut down.

Historically, the House and Senate do not agree on each other's budget bill versions so they end up forming a conference committee that hashes out the differences between the two houses and comes up with a "compromise" spending plan.

BEFORE DECIDING ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH CUC CASE

Judge to personally inspect CUC projects, facilities

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U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David O. Carter will fly next month from Santa Ana, Calif., to Saipan to conduct another on-site inspection of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s projects and facilities that have concerns or disputes.

Carter, who is a Central District of California jurist, will conduct the on-site inspections on Sept. 20, Sunday, to avoid consuming valuable time for in-court proceedings during the

weekdays after the inspections.

According to a minute order issued yesterday, Carter ordered CUC and the U.S. government to identify all projects and facilities over which there are any concerns or disputes.

The judge ordered the parties to file on or before Sept. 8 a joint report cataloguing each and every project and facility over which there is any concern and a joint schedule for the inspections.

Carter said the schedule should minimally include a walk from the terminal to the

plant facility to Tank 102, along the Oil Pipeline Project route.

Carter said he will use the joint report and the Sept. 20 inspections to inform his decision on how to proceed with the case.

He notified the parties that he is interested in more than just the progress on the Pipeline Project and Tank 102. Other facilities such as the one on Rota are also subject to inspection during that week.

For the Sept. 20 inspections, Carter ordered the parties to assemble at 8:30am in front of the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

He instructed all participants that they may wear comfortable attire that is appropriate

for the walk from the terminal to the tanks.

Carter recently expressed "deep concerns" with the delay in the construction of the Oil Pipeline Project. He pointed out that the pipeline construction has only, at most, preliminarily started.

The oil pipeline is an eight-inch aboveground receiving pipeline that delivers diesel fuel from the Mobil oil facility to CUC Power Plants 1 and 2 in Lower Base. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had stated that until the pipeline is properly repaired or replaced, it poses a threat to the adjacent ocean.

The pipeline project was initiated in 2010 at a cost of \$1.8

million. Due to numerous problems that contributed to the project's delay, the cost ballooned to \$6 million this year.

On the Tank 102 Project, EPA is concerned that CUC has not made sufficient progress. The tank project involves a 500,000-gallon diesel fuel tank that will replace Tank 010, which has been found to be a source of pollution and is non-repairable.

In CUC's report, CUC counsel James S. Sirok reported that both the oil pipeline and Tank 102 projects have been moving forward and that the utilities agency continues to take all steps necessary to accomplish

these projects.

The federal court signed the stipulated orders for CUC in 2009, setting the requirements and deadlines for the utilities agency to meet. The orders represent an agreement between the CNMI and the EPA on how CUC will come into compliance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Due to issue of not complying with judicial deadlines, EPA has strongly considered requesting the court to find CUC, among other things, in breach of the orders and appoint a receiver to oversee aspects of the utilities agency's operations.

NMC prepares online student registration for next spring

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Testing is ongoing at the Northern Marianas College with the aim to offer its students an online registration service next spring semester.

"We're doing a pilot for the online self-service registration, which will allow students to—once they meet all their prerequisites—register themselves," said Manny Castro, NMC's director of admissions.

He said the college is working hard to smooth out any kinks with the service, and that full implementation is planned for spring.

"[With the service], registration can happen [in students'] living rooms, or at Java Joe's or here at campus," he said.

Castro said he is working closely with Jonathan Liwag, the college's director of information technology, and Dennis Marselo, its database administrator, in preparing the service as the prerequisites for classes that go into the system are provided through his office.

He said that students would essentially have a virtual individualized degree plan that would help them calculate the credits they need and apply for the classes to earn them.

"Let's say the students has to take ED 111, [the service] will show, 'Course taken this semester,' or if a course is in progress, it's going to show it's in progress, [as well as] how many of the core requirements are going to be met [with the class], so you can really track how far you are in the process," he said.

According to Liwag, testing of the service is ongoing amongst different group and areas of the college, especially upper division students like juniors and seniors.

He said training for the program was recently concluded last week for the college's faculty and administrators, and added that the current piloting of the program is very important as they look to deploy the

service next spring.

Castro described the service as a good transition for the college, as even though it will be new for NMC students, online registering is usually available to students in schools abroad.

"[The online service] will provide students with the information they need to plan their academic year successfully," he said.

Riya Nathrani, a student who participated in testing the service, said she expects it will make registering more convenient for students.

"It's even better for students who have to work, or who have other responsibilities. They don't need to wait hours in line [to register]," she said.

She described her experience with the service as "smooth and effective."

"It was easy to see what class can go where in the schedule," she said.

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Friday, August 15, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference room. **THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC NOTICE.**

AGENDA

- I. Preliminary
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
- II. Public Comments
- III. Reports
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. Executive Director's Report
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - a. Technical Standards Regulations
 - b. Appointment of Administrator Regulations
- V. New Business
 - a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
 - b. TDHC Casino Employee Applications
- VI. Executive Session
- VII. Miscellaneous/Administrative Matters
- VIII. Adjournment

Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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Bill making public govt officials' financial records prefiled

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With at least half of the 20-member House of Representatives signing as co-sponsors of Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero's (Cov-Saipan) bill to make CNMI government officials' statements of financial interest open to the public, the measure is expected to pass once it's put to a vote. Leon Guerrero prefilled House Bill 18-205 yesterday.

The bill seeks to make the statements of financial interest filed with the Office of the Public Auditor open available to the public for inspection.

These include those filed by elected and appointed officials, judicial officers and each public employee who receives additional compensation either for professional services rendered to or as an independent contractor for the CNMI government.

"Although the statements of financial interest are filed with the Public Auditor, the statements are required by law to 'be kept strictly confidential.' The public has an interest in knowing the financial interests of their elected officials and appointed officials. The financial disclosure statements should be made available to the public," the bill says.

The bill's prefiling came three months since Delegate Gregorio

Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) wrote an open letter to the Legislature to amend the law so that the financial statements filed by CNMI government officials with OPA could also be made available to the public.

Sablan said if over 30,000 federal officials including him-

self could disclose their financial statement without violating constitutional rights, then the CNMI could do it too unless officials have something to hide.

Leon Guerrero, for his part, said it is not about knowing who's the richest or the poorest CNMI elected or appointed of-

ficials but knowing where their assets come from.

Despite the longtime existence of the financial statement filing law, many CNMI officials still do not comply with the law.

Just recently, data from OPA showed that nearly 21 percent or 70 of 334 CNMI govern-

ment officials required to file a statement of financial interest for calendar year 2013 continue to fail to file such statement beyond the May 31 deadline. They have since continued to accrue a \$10 daily penalty.

Unlike many other jurisdic-

tions and countries, CNMI law does not make financial statements public. The assets and liabilities of elected officials are not readily available for public inspection. OPA can only release the documents with the consent of the filer.

TOURISM

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many travelers planning to head to Saipan, an unexpected cost for the CNMI's Korean market.

Tenorio said that a "similar degree" of impact will also show from the recent spate of flight cancellations by Cape Air/United Airlines.

"The CNMI receives approximately 1.6 percent annually of our total visitor arrivals via Guam. Until the link between Guam and CNMI stabilizes, we fear that our travel partners will temporarily cease selling the CNMI travel product," he said.

AviaCharters is cancelling its flights due to the implementation of a new program with partner Orenburg Airlines, which means changing the plane being used to ferry Russian tourists to Saipan.

Asiana Airlines, meanwhile, is suspended for seven days of flights between Incheon and Saipan from Oct. 14 to 20 for violating safety rules in April when pilots ignored signs of engine trouble and continued flying to Saipan.

According to Asiana's latest report yesterday, Aug. 12, the suspension will inconvenience

Tenorio said there will be a new airline service by Jeju Air from Seoul from October 2014 to September 2015, using a Boeing 737 with 189 seat capacity, for total seats of 68,985.

SETTLEMENT

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and other island programs, also in anticipation of a Saipan casino license grant.

Of the \$16.4 million needed to fund retirees' 25-percent deferred pension payments for fiscal year 2014, some \$11.05 million is for Saipan residents or retirees, while \$1.35 million is for Rota residents and \$1.05 million is for Tinian residents. The remaining \$2.95 million is for off-island residents or retirees.

The Lottery Commission will meet again on Friday at 2pm.

They are expected to tackle whether or not Best Sunshine International Ltd.'s Hong Kong based parent company, Imperial Pacific International Holdings Ltd., approves of the proposed casino agreement.

Commission chair Sixto Igi-somar said they have yet to hear from Imperial Pacific as of yesterday.

The over \$3 billion casino development agreement will be final once Imperial Pacific approves the proposal. Imperial Pacific's Best Sunshine will be investing over \$3 billion for an integrated casino resort on Saipan with at least 2,000 new guest rooms. The deal will be binding for up to 40 years.

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson also asked as early as Friday government employees waiting for interest payments

on their withdrawn DB plan contributions to fill out tax Form W-9 and submit it to the Division of Finance and Accounting Payroll Section. This is also in anticipation of the \$30 million release in escrow.

\$2M for Tinian

By a vote of 4-0, the Tinian and Aguiuan Legislative Delegation passed with amendments a local bill appropriating \$2 million allotted for Tinian retirees, their survivors and other Tinian programs under the Saipan casino law, or Public Law 18-56.

House Local Bill 18-50, House Draft 1 passed the delegation at 3:59pm.

"We want to do our part in appropriating the money early so when the \$30 million is released, the money for Tinian retirees and other programs can be released at the same time the money for Saipan retirees are released," the bill's author, Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), said.

Conner, during the session, offered changes to the bill, including specifying that \$1.202 million of the \$2 million will be appropriated for Tinian retirees and their survivors. Another \$672,000 is also reserved for "future" payments of deferred 25-percent pension.

The Tinian delegation adopted these changes before voting on the bill, with amendments.

Conner said the governor has 20 days to act on the local bill, or the bill automatically be-

comes law. The 20 days period end around the same time the 30-day escrow agreement extension expires.

Besides Conner, the other Tinian delegation members include chair Sen. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian), Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Saipan) and Sen. Jack Borja (Ind-Tinian).

The Rota Legislative Delegation, meanwhile, has yet to hold a session to pass a bill also appropriating \$2 million for Rota retirees, from the \$30 million still in escrow.

Under the Saipan casino law, Rota and Tinian legislative delegations needs to appropriate \$2 million each from the Saipan casino license fee.

For Saipan, there is no need for an appropriations bill. The money is released to retirees as soon as they become available.

More Tinian actions

Besides passing the \$2 million appropriations bill, Tinian lawmakers also passed without amendment Conner's HLB 18-50, which seeks to keep all local cockfighting license fees within Tinian to fund the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board. The vote was also 4-0.

The bill, which amends 10 CMC 2416, now goes to the governor for action.

Tinian lawmakers also adopted Tinian Legislative Delegation Resolution 18-11, reprogramming a portion of \$1.413 million in fund balances appropriated for capital

improvement projects on Tinian for improvement and paving of Marpo Heights II and Carolinas Heights roads.

Of the over \$1.413 million that is available for further reprogramming, \$40,000 will be used for Marpo Heights and Carolinas Heights roads' architectural and engineering design.

Some \$75,000, meanwhile, is set aside for Tinian Health Center's maintenance, repairs, expansion and renovation.

The Commonwealth Development Authority certified on June 24, 2014, that there is over \$1.213 million of CIP fund balance under Public Law 12-64 that is available for further reprogramming. This was funded by the \$60 million and \$140 million bond proceeds plus interest.

'Set politics aside'

Before adjourning the Tinian delegation session, chairman Sen. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian) asked the three other delegation members—who are seeking election for the same or different positions on Nov. 4—to set politics aside and work cooperatively.

"Whatever differences, let's work together. Let's not make politics divide us. Let's continue to cooperate. ... Work for the benefit of our people," chairman Borja said.

Sen. Jack Borja told the chairman, "We'll give you that cooperation, Mr. Chairman." Conner and Cruz earlier had a minor spat.

OAG

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Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014.

The Office of the Attorney General has recently received several consumer protection complaints involving airline companies. These complaints are serious and warrant investigation. However, the U.S. Department of Transportation is responsible for enforcing airline consumer rights and protecting consumers from unfair or deceptive practices. Federal law prohibits states from regulating airline companies. Accordingly,

The Office of the Attorney General does not have the legal authority to process or investigate consumer protection complaints against airline companies.

Nevertheless, the Office of the Attorney General encourages the public to submit consumer protection complaints involving the airlines to its office. The Office of the Attorney General shall then forward these complaints to the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation takes consumer complaints very seriously, imposing over \$4 million in fines for consumer protection violations in 2012 alone.

If an individual has a complaint or concerns about an airline company's service, he or she should submit a complaint to the Office of the Attorney General—attention to Consumer Counsel Gus Harb—no later than Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014. The com-

plaint provided should include the following information:

- Your name
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- Daytime telephone number (with area code)
- E-mail address
- Name of airline or company being complained about
- Flight information: flight date, flight number, origin and destination of trip, copy of itinerary
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Please understand that individuals may also submit a consumer complaint to the Department of Transportation Airline Service Consumer Division via telephone at (202) 366-2220 or by submitting a complaint online at <http://www.dot.gov/airconsumer/file-consumer-complaint>. Please visit this website for more information about filing a consumer protection complaint with the Department of Transportation.

Again, the Office of the Attorney General strongly encourages the public to submit consumer complaints involving the airlines to its office no later than Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014. The Office of the Attorney General shall forward any complaints it receives to the U.S. Department of Transportation. If you have any questions about this statement or would like additional information on how you can bring a consumer complaint against an airline company, contact the Office of the Attorney General at (670) 237-7500. (OAG)



CELEBRITY WEDDING

Marianas Visitors Authority marketing specialist Laura Hsiao, rear, with celebrity singer-actress Qi Wei and singer-actor Lee Seung-Hyun on Aug. 2, 2014, on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. While working on location in Saipan, the celebrity couple were married in a surprise wedding ceremony on Aug. 3, 2014. The story has received 17 million reads on Sina Weibo, one of China's most popular websites. The MVA Marketing Division regularly supports media tours and coverage by providing language-specific marketing specialist escorts, facilitating the processing of film permits, and providing other assistance.

MVA

NMC registration begins; 14 pct. spike in enrollment seen

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Registration began yesterday at the Northern Marianas College with an expected increase in enrollment of about 14 percent from last fall, according to Dr. Sharon Hart, president of the college.

"We are looking forward to welcoming many new students to the Northern Marianas College this semester," Hart said.

According to her, the 14-percent expected increase is for full-time students.

This week will also allow new and interested students to enroll in the college's new bachelor's degree in business management.

Kuino Camacho, a recent graduate of Mount Carmel School, said he was relieved to find out that the college had a business program as it will help

him chart out his career plans.

He said intends to get his associate degree in business at NMC and then head stateside to a culinary school.

By taking business classes now, he hopes to learn how to run his own restaurant business someday.

"It makes it way easier [to attend college here] instead of going off island and traveling more places just to get my classes and my degree," Camacho said.

He expects this to save him a lot of money.

While NMC is a fallback option for a lot of college-bound people, Camacho there are as many who have set their mind on attending the college before heading elsewhere.

On the expected increase in students, he said it is good that people are supporting the island's college and that he is

excited for classes to start.

"I'm getting my papers together to register. It is a little bit challenging but it's an experience of college life. You get a taste of what college is," he said.

Michitaka Yoshida, a student volunteer assisting with registration, said he expects registration to pick up and get hectic sometime in the middle of the

week.

Yoshida, who is studying for an associate degree in business, expects to pursue business further and probably major in the business management degree being offered now at the college.

[Students] don't have to go to Guam [which] is still kind of pricey too, and NMC is reasonable, so I think it's pretty good

for the students here or the people that live here," he said of the new business degree.

He said the expected increase in student population is good as they can make more friends.

Manny Castro, director of admissions, said registration differs from previous years as the process has been streamlined. As long as students submit all their required documents, they can just meet with their adviser and register.

He called the expected increase in students good news, and added that the college has seen a record amount of attendees at its student orientations last week.

Registration will run through this week from 9am to 6pm, with late registration occurring next week from Aug. 18 to 22.



OAG files 7 charges vs ex-Saipan Mayor Office's staff

The Office of the Attorney General has filed seven criminal charges against Florence Tina Reyes Concepcion, a then-employee of the Saipan Mayor's Office who allegedly illegally collected payments for marriage application and filing fees from several applicants.

At yesterday's arraignment in Superior Court, the 43-year-old Concepcion, through counsel Bruce Berline, pleaded not guilty to three counts of forgery and four counts of theft by deception.

Presiding Judge Robert Naraja set a status conference for Sept. 10, 2014, at 9am before Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho.

Assistant attorney general

» Defendant pleads not guilty

According to Attorney General Investigative Division investigator Urbano D. Babauta Jr., the total amount of money collected from five couples or 10 persons involved in Concepcion's transactions is about \$420.

Concepcion is on a pre-trial release after she posted a \$1,000 cash. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Federal jury trial of Raymond Roberto begins today

A federal jury trial began yesterday in the case of former acting CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife director Raymond Borja Roberto, who is facing charges of witness tampering and enticing three underage girls to engage in prostitution.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona started the jury selection yesterday. She will continue the selection today, Tuesday.

» Jury selection to continue today

U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and NMI Alicia A.G. Limtiaco and Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami S. Badawy are prosecuting the case.

Guam defense lawyer David J. Lujan and Saipan attorney

Joaquin Torres are defending Roberto.

The third superseding indictment filed last month charged Roberto with three counts of enticement of a minor and one count of witness tampering.

The indictment alleged that Roberto persuaded three under-

age girls to have sex with him from March 1, 2013, to July 18, 2013.

In the witness tampering case, it was alleged that while Roberto was detained pending trial, he attempted to influence the testimony of an individual on April 24, 2014.

Roberto pleaded not guilty to all charges. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 03-2014

Opening date: August 12, 2014 Closing date: September 02, 2014

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancy:

Position: (1) Custodial-I (Saipan)
(1) Terminal Maintenance-I (Saipan)
(1) BHS Technician-(Saipan)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents may result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents is no later than **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 02, 2014**.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For more information, please contact the CPA HR Administrator Ms. Rita Omar, by email at rita.omar@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

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/s/ MaryAnn Q. Lizama
Executive Director

COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meetings of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday August 15, 2014 at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building - Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend. The following is the proposed agenda:

I. Meeting Called to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Public Comment
IV. Adoption of Agenda
V. Adoption of Minutes
VI. Executive Session
(regarding casino license)
VII. Return to Public Session
VIII. Casino License
IX. Electronic Gaming/Video Lottery
X. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission at 664-2375.

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Head Start Policy Council Special Meeting Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., Dandan Head Start Center, Dandan, Saipan.

I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Comments¹

III. New Business
1. Action Items
a. Review and Approval of SY 13-14 Program Information Report (PIR)
b. Review and Approval of Training & Technical Assistance Supplemental Grant Application

IV. Executive Session²
1. Personnel Matters

V. Next Meeting

VI. Adjournment

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Mrs. Candace Q. Celis at (670) 664-3761 or email address at candace.celis@cnmipss.org, several days notice is required.

/s/ Roy Ada
Chairperson

¹ Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Council may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Sticker shock for many CUC customers in last 2 months

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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Several customers of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. have been seeing an unprecedented increase in their electricity bills in the last couple of months. One such customer said that for the past two months he has been paying more than \$400 a month and that he can barely keep up with the increase because of his minimum wage.

Another who has a family of five said she had been paying CUC an average of about \$410 a month but recently she has been paying close to \$600.

"I don't blame CUC for these bills, and we have cut electricity

usage, but seriously it's getting harder and harder every month. What everyone needs to do is start paying CUC, especially those with past accounts and the government as well, so that others can stop suffering from all these rates," she said.

Other members of the public said they saw their CUC bill double or even triple in the last two months alone.

According to CUC executive director Alan Fletcher, residential rates did not really change and actually went down a "slight amount" for the average user.

"All utility bills are local, meaning a home's usage drives the price and each household's

usage differs, and it was very hot in June and July and usage may have been up due to increased use in air conditioning," he said.

Fletcher agrees that the CNMI does pay higher bills than some areas around the world and that CNMI rates are higher than the U.S. mainland but he pointed out that a comparison of rates with other utilities that use diesel fuel generation shows that CUC's are among the lowest.

"CUC's rates are set on a cost of service basis and to only recover the costs of operations," he said.

Fletcher said that 70 percent of the electric rate is the fuel

charge, the LEAC (levelized energy adjustment clause).

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission last month allowed CUC to adjust the LEAC charge every month, instead of every six months, which will allow CUC to adjust monthly pricing based on the "Means of Platts Singapore" or MOPS' monthly pricing.

"The only way to truly affect the overall rate is to switch our fuel source. This is one of the main drivers of the Integrated Resource Planning that is now underway," he said.

The integrated resource plan project's purpose is to determine the best combination of both base-load and renewable en-

ergy sources capable of providing reliable power at the lowest price to consumers. CUC is now working with Leidos Engineering LLC on this.

Leidos will be conducting an independent third party technical evaluation and monitoring of the proposals set by CUC for a most "cost-effective, long-term" energy solution for consumers.

CUC rates now

As of April 17, CUC residential customers using 1 to 350 kWh per month will be assessed \$0.0210 per kWh. For users of 351 to 1,200 kWh a month, they will be charged \$0.0970 per kWh while customers using 1,200 kWh and above per month will be charged \$0.1580 per kWh.

Because the Feb. 5 decision granted residential customers a refund pursuant to Public Law 16-7, a credit of \$0.0230 per kWh will also take effect, in which CPUC last month approved it to continue until 2015 or later depending on how much will be distributed.

The infrastructure surcharge of \$0.021 per kWh will remain for all CUC customers. This charge is intended to fund CUC's remaining obligations under its June 2012 agreement with Pacific Marine and Industrial Corp. This surcharge applies to all customer classes and will expire on Jan. 1, 2015.

Commercial customers are charged at 0.1130 per kWh per month, while the government is charged at 0.1240 kWh per month.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

New Election Commission phone numbers

This is to inform all department and agencies of the CNMI government that the telephone numbers for the Commonwealth Election Commission has changed, effective Monday, August 11, 2014. The new numbers are 235-8683, 235-8680 and 664-8682. The fax number is 664-8689 remain the same. (PR)

Nominations sought for Governor's Humanities Awards

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Governor's Humanities Awards. This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community. Nomination forms and instructions are available at the Council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at www.nmihumanities.org. Nominations may be made by any member of the general public and are due no later than 4:30pm on Friday, Oct. 10. For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785. (NMI Humanities)

Weatherization Assistance Program suspended

The CNMI Energy Division of the Department of Public Works announced that it is suspending services under the Weatherization Assistance Program effective July 28, 2014, until further notice. For additional information, residents may contact the Energy office at 664-4480/1 or fax 664-4483. Funding opportunity for this program is made possible through a grant by the US Department of Energy. (PR)

Waters around FDM declared open for fishermen

ASAN, Guam—Waters surrounding the island of Farallon de Medinilla are deemed safe for local fishermen from Aug. 19 at 3pm to Aug. 27 at 11:59pm. The general public is advised to remain off the island of Farallon de Medinilla due to safety and security concerns. (PR)

CCA board meeting on Aug. 19

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarinas.org. (CCA)

Survivors and caregivers support meeting

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarinas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarinas.org. (CCA)

Marpi to be blocked off on Aug. 29

The Department of Public Safety will be blocking off the northern part of the island, from Marpi north, on Aug. 29, 2014, from about 12pm to 3pm. The purpose of this blockage is to dispose of a large collection of unexploded ordnance that has been collected by the Department of Public Safety Explosive Response Team. We are requesting all visitors to these popular areas of the island make arrangements to visit either in the morning before the 12pm deadline or after the operation has completed at 3pm. (DPS)



NEWEST CUC BOARD MEMBERS

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofsneider, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Alan Fletcher, and Rota and Tinian lawmakers join newly sworn in CUC board members Evelyn Manglona Mendiola and Eric Cruz after the swearing in ceremony on Aug. 7, 2014, on Capitol Hill. Cruz, representing Tinian, and Mendiola, representing Rota, both said their main goal is to help lower residential CUC customers' power rates and seriously tap a combination of alternative energy.

Guam commission approves marijuana on ballot

HAGATNA, Guam—The Guam Election Commission has approved an effort to let voters decide this year whether to legalize medical marijuana.

The certification Thursday will put the question on the November general election ballot. The Joaquin "KC" Concepcion II Compassionate Cannabis Use Act of 2013 would allow for the creation of medical marijuana dispensaries, with regulations and rules to be developed later by a government commission.

The commission and Guam Legislature have been at odds over the issue over the past few

months, *Pacific Daily News* reported. The commission had refused to place it on the ballot, challenging an untested process in which lawmakers ask voters to decide whether a bill should become law.

The certification followed an opinion Tuesday by the Guam Supreme Court that says the Legislature can use its powers for such legislative submissions.

The language in the medical marijuana bill asked the commission to certify the measure as a binding referendum, which requires more votes to pass than a legislative submission.

After much discussion, the election commission certified the legislation as a binding referendum. Referendums are initiated by voters, while legislative submissions are measures referred to voters by the Legislature.

Under Guam law, to pass, referendums must get 50 percent plus one of all voters who vote in the general election. A legislative submission would have required only a majority of votes for passage.

Independent Commissioner Patrick Civille said he was concerned that lawmakers might

not have intended to have the higher vote requirement.

"I just want to point out the very big impact this could have on this measure's passage," Civille said.

Commission chairman Joseph Mesa said the Legislature knew the voting requirements since the law stated to certify it as a referendum.

"It's not our position to second-guess what they want to do," Mesa said.

Sen. Aline Yamashita, RTaruning, said she will share concerns with the Legislature. Yamashita is co-author of the act.

and it would have been difficult to move the carcass in its current condition, the *Pacific Daily News* reported.

"It's very sensitive right now, and it will keep falling apart if they touch it," she said.

The whale is 38 feet long and weighs about 20 tons. It washed ashore sometime last week, and local fishermen

found it Saturday, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency said. The carcass at first was bloated and emitting a bad smell, but most of that had dissipated by Thursday.

Much of what remains of the whale is just skin, Tayama said.

Tayama said people shouldn't go near the whale since even dead whales can

pass disease on to humans. That's another reason why a plan to cut up the whale into smaller pieces was shelved.

Authorities say it's against federal law to remove any part of the whale, either dead or alive.

"We're asking people to be patient and bear with it," Tayama said. "In the meantime we apologize for the inconvenience."

Big dead whale left on Guam shore to decompose

HAGATNA, Guam—Residents in a small village in Guam are being advised to stay away from a nearly 40-foot dead whale that is decomposing on a beach.

Mayor Carol Tayama says the decision has been made to leave the whale where it is to decompose on the shore Agat. That process has been ongoing,

Hospital's nurse vacancies decreasing over the months

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has been seeing a decrease in its vacancies for nurses, hospital administrator Jesse M. Tudela told *Saipan Tribune* on Friday.

Tudela said the hospital as of now only has 33 vacant positions for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and nurse assistants, down from the 42 vacancies in March.

The hospital has been finding it difficult in recent months to fill hard-to-fill positions, most especially seasoned nurses.

According to Tudela the hospital needs seasoned nurses in specific units such as the neo-natal intensive care unit or NICU, labor and delivery, and emergency rooms.

"The process of hiring seasoned nurses is still ongoing and also the hiring of other nurses. Many positions used to be so vacant, but [filling them] is a slow process," he said.

Tudela said they have been trying to hire recent graduates from the Northern Marianas College but had little success, with most of them wanting to further their education.

Northern Marianas College had 23 associate degree graduates in nursing this year and more than three have already passed the National Council Licensure Examination.

Tudela said they hired six NMC nursing graduates last year and two in August this year.

He said that three registered nurses would be coming in from the U.S. mainland this

September, together with six registered nurses who are contract workers.

"This really helps the hospital a lot, but the nursing vacancies sometimes go up or down because some resign and leave," he said.

Hospital beds

According to Tudela, the hospital as of Friday was at 62 percent capacity, of which 40 percent were in medical/surgical.

This is down a bit from the past three months, when the hospital was at 90 to 100 percent capacity, Tudela said. When the hospital is at full capacity, the lack of enough number of hospital beds hamper operations.

"When the hospital is at full capacity, most especially the medical/surgical unit, and our

census is high, there are those days when it overflow to other units due to the lack of beds," he said.

Tudela said he appreciates the funding the hospital gets from the Legislature, but it is still not enough.

"I just hope that our government looks at healthcare like they look at education, because the hospital helps prevent all these diseases, and also promotes a healthier lifestyle not only for students but everybody in the community," he said.

Notable achievements

The hospital's roster for physicians is becoming better, Tudela said, with physicians being hired every month.

According to the latest information from the hospital,

there are 33 physicians now serving under CHCC and chief executive officer Esther Muña said that more are coming in the following months as part of their recruitment and retention plan.

As of last month, Muña said that seven physicians are Internal Medicine doctors, six are pediatricians, four are in emergency medicine, three are general surgeons, three are anesthesiologists, one is a nephrologist, three are for OB/GYN, one is a psychiatrist, four are family practitioners for each facility on Tinian, Rota, the Kagman Community Health Center, and CHC, and one is a gastroenterologist.

CHCC also recently opened its dental clinic with one dentist, Dr. Adam J. Gentry, and three dental assistants.

CHCC also secured a \$50,000 grant for hospital beds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture last week and was recently awarded \$68,918 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The \$68,918 will be used for providing expanded prevention and public health programs that help improve health and help restrain the rate of growth in private and public sector health care costs and increase capacity to reduce emerging infectious diseases.

CHCC also still has bigger grants under USDA's Rural Development in Guam, according to area manager Joseph Diego, in which they are trying to secure for CHCC and help out with the hospital's critical condition.

NMHC to host housing expo on Aug. 22

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. will be hosting a Housing Expo this Aug. 22 in celebration of its 20th founding anniversary at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

The expo will be from 9am to 6pm.

NMHC corporate director Jesse S. Palacios said the expo is open to everyone and would provide housing opportunities and outreach to the public.

It will showcase various NMHC projects throughout the CNMI, from home reha-

» NMHC proclamation on 20th anniversary this Friday

bilitation, new construction and rental programs, to housing tax credits and community development projects.

Palacios said it will also offer essential public networking opportunities to meet with key participants from all facets of the housing industry.

Key participants will include government agencies, private sector organizations, financing, insurance, brokers, appraisers, architects, contractors, title companies and suppliers—all of whom can help community members in buying and building a home.

"This housing expo will help community members know what to do in building a home, buying, housing, and also learn about regulatory agencies and permits," Palacios said.

There will also be a proclamation signing this Friday at 10am for the 20th anniversary of NMHC at the Office of the Governor.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Hyatt Regency Saipan recently donated in-kind prizes totaling more than \$1,000 to Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance.

Hyatt supports MINA's Green Gala

Throughout 2014, Hyatt Regency Saipan has shown its active commitment to environmental conservation in the CNMI. To further their support, Hyatt recently donated in-kind prizes totaling more than \$1,000 to Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance. The donation was made as part of MINA's annual fundraising event, the Green Gala, which will be held on Sept. 19, 2014.

"We are extremely appreciative of Hyatt Regency Saipan's contribution to this year's Green Gala," said Brooke

Nevitt, MINA interim executive director. "Hyatt Regency Saipan is making its presence felt throughout the island's conservation community, and we are grateful for their continued support."

The leading conservation nonprofit organization in the Commonwealth, MINA has successfully implemented many projects, including the Obyan Rehabilitation Project, the Teacher Environmental Camp, the Marine Debris Prevention program, Tasi Watch Project, and the Adopt-A-Bin

Project which has placed recycle bins at many of the major beaches on the island.

In order to continue its efforts to preserve and protect the CNMI's environment and biodiversity, MINA is seeking the community's participation in the Green Gala event. In addition to lively entertainment, dinner and a variety of beverages, the Green Gala will feature brief highlights of MINA's projects, a silent auction, and other activities that promise a memorable evening.

Last year's Green Gala was

sold out, so organizers encourage those who plan to attend to buy their tickets early. Tickets for the Green Gala event can be purchased at the MINA Office in Gualo Rai or from any of the volunteer board members.

There are four categories of sponsorship (Emerald, Title, Major, and Sponsor categories) that correspond to the value of contributions. To become a sponsor of the event, contact Nevitt at 233-REEF (7333), or email castro.fran@gmail.com. (MINA)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy birthday Lola Norma! Wish you all the best and good health. I love you! Love, Chloe Nicole.

Energy security a priority for sustainable development

SUVA, Fiji—This year marks the first year of the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All. At the Pacific Regional Energy and Transport (Aviation and Maritime) Ministers' Meeting in Nadi, Fiji, in April 2014, which was convened by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, ministers acknowledged the central enabling role of energy in sustainable development in a region where effective and efficient transport, especially maritime transport, underpins people's lives. The meeting agreed that "Transport for sustainable development" must be included in the Pacific priorities to be submitted to the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States to be held in Samoa from on Sept. 1 to 4, 2014.

Energy is also an enabler of other critical aspects of development including electricity generation. But in the Pacific region, seven out of 10 people, mostly in the larger Melanesian countries, still do not have access to electricity. In Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, only 12 percent, 21 percent, and 33 percent respectively of the population has access to electricity.

The overarching theme of the international SIDS Conference is "The sustainable develop-



Installation and maintenance of renewable energy equipment such as solar photovoltaic systems requires significant investment and partnership.

ment of small island developing states through genuine and durable partnerships." Sustainable energy is the focus of one of six plenary meetings that will take place at the conference. It is also part of the Multi-Stakeholder Partnership Dialogue that will run in parallel with the plenary meetings.

It is hoped that the partnership discussions will address factors such as financing, capacity building, technology transfer, technical cooperation and insti-

tutional development, which are all constraints for Pacific Island countries and territories seeking to achieve targets for renewable energy and investment, including by the private sector. Partnerships could also encourage efficiency incentives and access to innovation.

The region's energy challenges include the cost of fuel imports. These are among the highest in the world, equivalent to an average of 10 percent of GDP in Pacific Island

countries and territories in 2009. Despite the high cost, there is significant waste of energy, with average transmission and distribution losses of around 21% in 2010 and high consumption by energy inefficient appliances.

Acknowledging the challenges, Pacific Island Leaders endorsed the *Framework for Action on Energy Security in the Pacific* at the 41st Pacific Islands Forum in Vanuatu in 2010, committing to a renew-

able energy and energy-efficient future and to achievable, practical and voluntary targets. This commitment was further reinforced by the leaders' decision to endorse the national renewable energy and energy efficiency targets specified in the 2013 Majuro Declaration for Climate Leadership.

SPC, as lead coordinating agency on energy issues in the

Pacific, provides support for the implementation of the framework through its Economic Development Division.

The SIDS Conference presents the Pacific region with a rare opportunity to influence the post-2015 development agenda dialogue and ensure that the unique challenges of the region are put forward on the global stage. (SPC)

Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne to retire

ASAN, Guam—Rear Adm. Babette "Bette" Bolivar will relieve Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne during a change of command ceremony on Aug. 15.

The ceremony will be held at the Guam High School Gymnasium aboard U.S. Naval Hospital Guam. The guest speaker will be Vice Adm. William French, commander, Navy Installations Command.

Bolivar will serve as commander, Joint Region Marianas; U.S. Defense Representative Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau; and Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas.

She reports to Guam after serving as commander, Navy Region Northwest in Silverdale, Wash.

Payne served in his current position since 2012. Under his leadership, Joint Region Marianas has met its mission of enabling the warfighter, supporting military families and building regional partnerships.

In the wake of threats from North Korea, Payne led the effort to receive a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system, a strategic asset that strengthened regional defenses, deterred aggression and highlighted the nation's commitment to the defense of the Mariana Islands. He also provided context regarding the U.S. Defense Policy Realignment Initiative to senior members of the U.S. and Japanese governments, furthering force realignment to Guam.

Payne retires after 33 years of Navy service. (PR)

Seabees take charge of Palau Civic Action Team

CAMP KATUU, Palau—Seabees from the 30th Naval Construction Regiment relieved airmen from Pacific Air Forces A4/7 in a civic action team change of charge ceremony on Aug. 8 at Camp Katuu, Palau.

CAT Palau fulfills U.S. Pacific Command's engagement strategy by directing and supporting the civic action program in community construction, apprentice training, medical assistance and community relations.

"Without the support of Palau's government and local

community, we would not be able to fulfill our promise to protect and safeguard Micronesia," said the event's guest speaker Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne, U.S. Defense Representative to Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Palau.

The CAT program has run for 44 years on Palau and is the continuation of a bond formed with the U.S. since World War II. The countries are now joined under a Compact of Free Association, which al-



Air Force Capt. Jerrod McComb, officer-in-charge of Palau's Civic Action Team 36-01, briefs Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne, Pacific Command's Defense Representative for Palau, on his team's six-month deployment. McComb turned over with Lt. j.g. Rhett Johnson and his 30th Naval Construction Regiment team.



LT. TIMOTHY GORMAN

Palau Minister of State Billy Kuartei and U.S. Charge d'Affaires to Palau Tom Daley present a civic action team graduation certificate to Maria Simer while CAT officer-in-charge Capt. Jerrod McComb looks on. Three Palauans received certificates during the change of charge ceremony.

lows the U.S. to operate militarily within the region in exchange for economic assistance.

Civic action teams operate for six-month assignments and rotate between the Army, Air Force and Navy teams. The 13 Seabees of CAT 133-25 under the direction of Lt. j.g. Rhett Johnson relieved the 13 airmen of CAT 36-01 under the direction of Air Force Capt. Jerrod McComb.

"Since the day we arrived on island, we were welcomed like family into your small island

community," McComb said to a crowd of about 100, which included several local civic leaders.

"This is a testament to the positive impact the CAT has made over the last 44 years and we are proud to have continued that tradition and continued to strengthen that bond between our two nations."

CAT 36-01 completed several key projects in Palau including the resurfacing of a 1.5-mile road, the treatment and education of more than 1,000 patients and the repair of a water cistern

on the island of Sonsorol. CAT 36-01 also graduated three Palauans from a one-year apprenticeship training program.

The team's crown jewel may have been the reconstruction of a 500-square-foot deck at the Bloody Nose Ridge Memorial on the island of Peleliu. The airmen lugged tools and lumber more than 300 feet up Umurbrogol Mountain where they assembled and treated the deck just in time for the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Peleliu. (PR)

NMCEAD unit Guam sailors join efforts to prepare campus

ASAN, Guam—Sailors from the Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division Unit Guam joined local community members in cleanup efforts at an elementary school on Aug. 9.

The Guam Department of

Education recently reached out to the community seeking volunteers to help prepare campuses for the first day of classes in less than two weeks. NMCEAD Unit Guam contacted Harry S. Truman Elementary in Santa Rita to see

how they could help.

Principal Christine Terlaje thanked NMCEAD Unit Guam for answering the call for volunteers and said she looks forward to working with the sailors not only last weekend, but throughout the

school year.

"It is awesome seeing everyone work together for a common goal, which is our students," Terlaje said. "Collaboration and a unified front communicates effectiveness."

NMCEAD Unit Guam is

the Navy's largest and most capable overseas mine shop. NMCEAD Unit Guam stores, maintains, assembles, and delivers underwater mines in response to tasking from Unified Theater Commanders. NMCEAD Unit Guam directly

supports Commander 7th Fleet aircraft and submarines; however, the primary mine delivery platforms that NMCEAD Unit Guam supports are Air Force strategic bombers flying missions out of Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. (PR)



JOANNA DELFIN

Sailors from Navy Munitions Command East Asia Division Guam and U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Branch Medical Clinic paint a walkway during a community relations project at Harry S. Truman Elementary School in Santa Rita on Aug. 9. NMCEAD Unit Guam and the hospital joined sailors from Naval Airborne Weapons Maintenance Unit 1 and members from the local community to spruce up the campus for the upcoming school year.



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EDITORIAL

A failing state across the Meditexrranean from Europe

No one in Libya can win. Enough is enough. I have lost hope in Libyans." That is the verdict of Mahmoud Okok, a civil engineer in his thirties, who is fleeing his country with his family.

Increasingly, it is also the mindset of Americans confronted with the harsh realities of President Barack Obama's foreign policy. Relatively low-cost interventions, like the one he launched over Libya in 2011, often seem attractive upfront. They avoid the staggering financial toll of massive operations like the invasion of Iraq. But they can also increase the risks of conflict without delivering any of the rewards of victory.

In the run-up to the intervention, Obama warned that the regime of Moammar Gadhafi wanted to massacre Benghazi's more pro-Western rebels like "rats." With neighboring Egypt in a precarious, unstable position at the time, it seemed reasonable to take steps against a full-blown Libyan civil war. Perhaps the administration also contemplated the downside of a huge wave of refugees flowing from Libya into the economically weak countries of Southern Europe.

So the intervention began. But it ended with a whisper, not a bang. That's not much of a problem if friendly locals seamlessly take over responsibility for the basics of governance in their country. But as we've learned everywhere from Iraq and Syria to Egypt and Somalia, when it comes to today's revolutionaries, making up for decades without the institutions of a strong civil society isn't that easy.

Instead, factionalism, militias, chaos and bloody stalemates define the scene. And now, Libya is becoming a Somalia on the Mediterranean. "Libya is so fragmented and factionalized that it is hard to see what control—physically or politically—could be exerted anytime soon," the Wilson Center's Robin Wright told NBC News. "The danger is Libya could become a failed state. In some ways it is bordering on that already."

Asked for comment, the spokesman for the Libyan Embassy in London replied: "We simply do not know what is going on. The militias are all mad."

The insanity is not just military. In the wake of the beheading of one Filipino in Libya and a gang rape of another, the Philippines is evacuating its 13,000 citizens. Libyans themselves are making similar choices. In the final week of July, 6,000 Libyans a day rushed the border into Tunisia.

Meanwhile, the Western allies are deeply torn over what to do now. Critics of intervention say Libya is just the latest proof of what we've known for over a decade: "Humanitarian interventions by the West end up destroying the countries they try to save." Internationalists, however, insist that the alternative at this point, ceaseless fighting, is even worse.

Libya's proximity to Europe makes it something of a special case because anything that threatens Europe's fragile economies could send the world economy into another tailspin.

Nevertheless, there's little indication that America has the will or the talent necessary to engage in the grueling, semicolonial work of guiding a civil war toward a workable peace. Obama may have gotten us into this mess, and many of us don't have the stomach for trying to find a way out.



In Obama do we trust

I supported Barack Obama twice in his presidential campaigns. Our title caricatures the nation's motto, mirroring a glitch in Obama's presidency, or revealing a flaw in the current system of governance.

We are constituted to be a government of checks and balances, not to oppose each other over sliced power, but to ensure that certain perspectives are considered in the nation's decision-making process, maintain 100 percent efficiency of function.

The three branches of government consist of the *judiciary*, which balances lawful precedence with the dictates of conscientious reasonableness. Mindfulness is their best asset, and commonsense process their stock in trade.

Reasonableness emerges from the filtered will of the people through the Houses of Congress. If the judiciary guards common-sense sanity moving from the ground to the Supreme Court, Congress shows the will of the people, from the constituency that sends them to Capitol Hill to the reflected voices of local legislatures that speak for immediate interest. Accountability of the Congress is *legislative* efficacy. The question abides: Is the will of the people reflected in legislation?

The effectiveness of the people's will to direct the people's affair is designed, made to be cost-effective, and efficiently programmed in the universally elected *executive* office. The legislative branch ensures revenue stream and a reasonable budget for the executive to operate out of, and the judiciary judges if the effort is within the bounds of law.

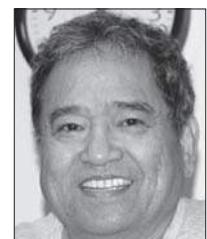
The context of government behavior in our time, however, has been reduced to how it arrives at numerical financial worth and value. Since the market crash of 1929, the United States pegged value on future incomes of citizens and their businesses rather than on their accumulated savings from the past. E.g., I am assigned a credit rating and I can operate out of a credit line as if it was already my worth. Uncle Sam does the same allowing for the usual practice of deficit spending. My immediate value, like that of a government, is my credit rating.

The "free" market itself is programmed to increase value in time until reality forces its adjustment, and when it goes too far on promise more than possibility, it crashes to rebuild itself anew. But the stock market since 1929 has been massaged for political reasons so it is not totally dependent on market forces.

This is where Obama's actuations are deemed regressive. Roosevelt's New Deal put money in public works to broaden employment, spread equity, and ensure optimism in the market. Eisenhower rode on the Interstate Highway Act of 1935. Assisted by a marketing that zeroed on what we wanted rather than on what we needed, the economy flourished on our whim. Clinton was hailed for not interfering with market forces; Bush 1 and Bush 2 had Cheney who

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maneuvered decisions to the corporate world of fossil fuel that he surreptitiously inhabited and protected. Cheney spent for wars that the U.S. waged, costing a fortune that led Wall Street to collapse under its own weight.

Obama bailed out business concerns for political reasons, minimizing suffering that would have resulted if it did not interfere otherwise, he says. Wall Street is seen as holding Pennsylvania Ave. by the throat, and a do-nothing Congress sings praises to corporate spigot\$, so the country developed "occupy" impetus, "tea party" ideology, and a broadside of critics ready to jump on Obama's every move. The abiding trust was for nebulous but democratic Main Street to reclaim the nation's sanity and health.

For now, we have Congress in gridlock incapable of anything; the Supreme Court is gowned to figure out who can legitimately f**k who; and an executive branch bails out Wall Street but leaves Main Street alone to string bed sheets at the Park for therapeutic outbursts.

The word is finally out: Obama's foreign policies are inimical to the interest of the Pentagon and thereby the nation, while a U.S. spy plane violates Swedish air space to escape Russian land radars that locked in on the U.S. U2-type of spying. As humorist Borowitz of *The New Yorker* declared, the GOP is upset over Obama's West Point speech about not invading another country without any reason!

Wall Street is in bed with the fossil fuel industry guarded by Uncle Sam's military might, and a financial system that lives off the revenues it collects from the rest of the world through its pre-eminence in the technologies surrounding the monetary system it overlaid and imposed. Ninety percent of the American economy serves Uncle Sam's global network, while three percent farms more than it requires, and the manufacturing sector shrinks further as it out-sources elsewhere.

Obama presides over all of these. Do I in Obama trust? Hell, no! Do I have faith in Boehner and Reid? Roberts? No, thank you! I take Obama and his executive orders (behind count from those of Roosevelt and Eisenhower), still. Meanwhile, my bed sheet and I head for the Park.

Asuntun Linahyan

Antes de u lebug asunto-ta siha gi sadog politika, mauleg ta diskute dibuenamente haf' siha na attikulu umestotoba hinasso-ta. Presisu este na inadiñgan pot no i bu'rukan politika u bira i asuntu siha ya u lachai muna' bulachu sin presisu.

Hu afgoghu na siempre un' faisen maisa hau ni sigiente siha na kuestion ni umaminanasa lina'la' familiamu. I kuestion siha:

Kau mas libianu linala' familiamu pa'gu ke dies 'sino kuattru años malofan?

Kau mas baratu i apas kandet na tiempu yan kau umakontinua este na ayudu ni Best Sunshine dispues de eleksion?

Gi inakonfotman kotte sumaga pagamiont man-ritirau gi 75 pot sientu dese mes Oktubre na sakana para mona. Hafa motibu na i administrasion ha utut este na pagamientu lau ti ligat?

Guaha ayudu para monedan familia pot para un' siña umapase mañgahulu' todu klasen gastun nesessidat?

Esta mañoda' hau checho'mu pat esta pa'gu ti ma-emplele-ha hau?

Yangin guaha che'cho'mu, kuantu sueddoru yan kau ti poduñg ennau gi mafanana'an federal poverty income level entalu' \$15-mit esta \$24-mit 'nai guaha kuattru gi membron familia?

Estague' siha dichu kuestion kada familia. Tat ti mamadedese gi halom mattirun sumen chafleg na ekonomia ni umaminanasa linala'todus. Egaga' mañguestiona para un' pesa kabales kuantu minagahetña promesan konsepton lañget 'nai ni siha mismu tatnai mali'e. Gaige este gi dos patman kanai miyu!

Planon Kandidatu

Hu taitai yan analisa planon 'nos kuantos kandidaton gobietnu. Un' manada man-malista kumu presisu na asuntu siha dese ekonomia, edukasion, hinemu' yan otru siha attikulu.

I matuge'ña ayu siha na planu kulan mohon para u fan

mamana'gue estudiante. Ni unu huli'e pumega papa' diberas na planun manana'lun monedan familia ni linachai ni baban ekonomia pa'gu na tiempu.

Estague' na asuntu gaige gi man-ingayinai na publiku ni esta pot mas ke 20 años ti man-mahatsa sueddon niha mientras gaston nesessidat familia kumahulu' mas ke 65 pot sientu. Deste hinemu, kandet yan gaston neñgkamu' todu mañgahulu'. I sueddu gatdun gi fache' ti man-makomple siha na promesa. Kau para ta repite este ta'lu nu biaehe?

Inipos na sa'pet na tiempu gi katkuet soñgsoñg 'sino isla gi enteru iya Marianas. Mas ke tres mit (3,000) dumingu i tanu' pot mali'e kontiempo na taya appottunitad cho'chu' guine para siha. Estague' otru aminasu ni fuetsau mapega gi mismu tautau siha. Lache este na dobladan areglu. Debi umalimienda dese tutuhon otru sakana.

Gi taduñg kañada

Gi hagas lanchon Tagpochau, huli'e gi chagu' na ramas troñkun gagu uma'akalaye un' fanuhe. Hu hala pakihu ya kumahatyu' papa' gi taduñg na kañada (valley).

Huli'e dispues manu ni gaige. Man-loka' troñkun mames yan fina' agu'un haya tat kumu gapgap, sune, chodan halom tanu', piña yan tupu. Hu guafe' i tipu pot malefayu' ni sagan hanom.

Gaige lokue' fina' sadog dikiki' ni rumikohoe milag uchan. Humalom-yu' na fangiminan binadu ni bumisisita i lugat. Mata'choñg-yu' un' ratu umekuñgog fñaihon kau guaha ayuyu. Hu soda' un' dikiki' na liyañg ni intaktu trabiha kalaberan tautau. Pot respectu hu diñgu i lugat.

Hu hahassu pa'gu ayu na kañada lau kasse maulegña 'an sumagayu' gi barandan i gima'. Uttimu fatoghu guihe kase 45 años malofan. Makat na pokat para 'an esta hau rusketi!

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Sige chaka chalegña i amiguhu Magoo pot chatdisision i man-

The cheap-motel flip side of our Facebook lives

Snapshots of people at their most miserable: That's what you don't see on Facebook. But wouldn't it be fascinating? After all, real life is like seeing the reverse side of a perfectly executed needlepoint: it's messy, chaotic and it's often hard to see the big picture.

A friend introduced me to what he calls the Miserable Snapshot Theory of Life. As people upload daily, sometimes hourly, photographs of fabulous meals, beautiful children and astonishing vacations as evidence of our unimpeachably happy existences, his theory has increased in appeal.

What if, when we were much younger, we could have looked into our future and seen only the most pitiful moments? What would we have done then?

Here's my pitiful moment:

My husband and I drove across the country. We had a safe car, audiobooks and enough cash to stay indoors. We were ready for adventure.

Yes, parts of the trip were Facebook-gleeful: diners with perfectly crisp hash; a local rodeo in Montana; landscapes so stark we wouldn't have been surprised to see a triceratops walk across the road.

But then there was the night in northern California.

It rained hard all day and driving had been tough. We were going to try to make it further north, but decided around 7 to call it quits. We

pulled into a small city and chose a small local motel since the plan was to get some serious sleep and leave early the next day.

Fair enough, right?

OK, so the room was a little worse than usual. For starters, it had a neon orange shag rug that had seen better days as far back as, say, 1972.

The room's only attempt at decoration consisted of faded clown prints, six of them, fully bolted to the walls—implying that other guests had attempted to steal them.

There were twin beds covered by nylon paisley bedspreads so slippery that it was nearly impossible not to slide off directly onto the shag rug, thereby becoming consumed by whatever ecosystem lived within its layers.

Seeing the expression on my face, Michael said, "I'll go get us some food."

The understanding was that I would unpack whatever we needed, open the wine and get our evening started. I looked around for those little plastic glasses usually on shelves in the bathroom. Not only were there no cups in the bathroom, there were no shelves.

There was, however, another clown print.

I decided to drink the wine regardless of beverage holders.

My husband returned to find his wife sitting on a nylon paisley bed drinking cheap wine directly out of the bottle while gazing stu-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Talk is cheap: Part I

I read the letter about the Democrats having some problems but what the author didn't know was I just recently joined the Democratic Party and the first thing I did was to review and help them with finalizing their platform. The document he read had been put together back in April and I will be the first to say the author was within his right to interpret the Democrat's gubernatorial talking points. However, if not contextually explained it could easily be perceived as prejudice, but that was not the intent nor was it their platform. So the assessment of the flyer is a bit too late as it is no longer being used and the official platform will be released any day now in a formal setting with the media.

One of the main reasons I joined and offered to help the Democratic Party is because they are not prejudice and they have a real plan to fix our economy. It was obvious they wanted to assert protection of their cultural beliefs and traditions, which may have offended some people. However, protecting cultural identity and desiring to continue practicing traditions is not prejudice, but it is wrong to label the entire party as being prejudiced, based on a flyer. For the first time in years we have a party that will truly listen to and respect the people even though they may have been a bit overzealous in their concern for the welfare of the local people in their flyer. But you really can't blame them to some degree given what has happened in their history and what they witnessed in Hawaii and Guam. There is nothing wrong with the Democrats placing local

youths and jobs before the status of CWS? There is nothing wrong with Democrats wanting to guarantee local political sovereignty—it is not prejudice or discriminatory? It must also be understood and even appreciated that someone must look out for the NMDs interest, so if not the Democrats then who? None of the other three gubernatorial candidates have said a single word about the welfare of the NMDs and only the Democratic Party candidates are showing true fortitude for the local people.

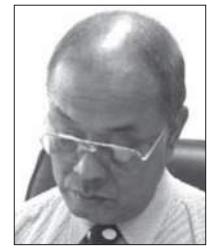
My concern is who the author feels is truly worthy of being the next governor, given the author's admonishment that the GOP, the Democrats and the two independents are nearly the same? So if we follow his thinking, no one deserves to be governor, which we know can't happen. The Democrats are not what you think they are as you may have interpreted in the flyer because if they were truly racist readers know I would not be helping them. I can tell this author is excited and really wants to bite and bark and any and everything to make a difference in the CNMI just like I did when I first started writing letters. But I know it takes more than writing letters about all the problems in the papers to fix our problems as talk is cheap but action changes things. So I would like to extend an invitation to the author to join us and help the Democrats to meet his expectation because that is what I did and the Democrats are going to fix the CNMI if elected. So please think about putting some efforts behind your mouth and start walking your talk because talk is cheap and opinions are like rear ends, we all have one.

The Democratic Party is taking on new challenges and offering new alternative solutions that have never been addressed by the present or previous administrations.

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sabiu siha gi hegsu' I Denii'. Era, mampos man-hinalula ma-apprueban casino ya ni unu rumepara na taya' hanom, kandet, yan fasilitad hanom aplacha' (sewer) dispues de As Matuis.

Hu faisen kau ti marepara este na asuntu antes de appruebasion casino. Ilegña, "Guuya Iku este na fatsun disision i man-mamahan kantidan puyitus para pinegsai lau ni kasiyas (tankat) taya". Dios mihi! Kau magahet na makat maproduse antau na planu? Lastima!

Ekonoman "globus?"

Guaha un' sabiu gineng Luta sage umesalau pot ekonomian "globus" gi bandan casino. Piniloña na man-tatamudu i taxpayers Saipan. I puntu: Todu tres islas mangai areglu casino. Siña momon Luta yan Tinian ma-adelanta casinon niha lokue' kosake siña man-na'halom homlu' na kontribusion tax para i kahan iya Marianas?

Ileghu na ti makat este kumu man-eyag hit man-dibera sa' hame lokue' Saipan in' nesessita apas kontribusion mame para nesessidat mame. Man-gai areglu hamyu casino. Tutuhon umadelanta maseha pot para satbasion miyu mismu! Muñga mama' paha "Unu Na Marianas" kada man-malagu' hamyu mañusu. Pega sekus miyu gi hafa in'fafama! Globus?

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pefied at Bozo.

In a falsely cheerful voice, he announced, "The only thing I could find to eat was potato salad."

"Where did you get potato salad where there was no other food?" I asked.

"There was a deli, it was closing, and I didn't like the look of the cold cuts."

I started rifling through the paper bag for napkins and cutlery. There were napkins, but no spoons, knives or forks.

"Michael," I asked, "how are we supposed to eat this?"

"What do you mean?" he said.

"There are no implements," I pointed out.

In a phrase I at first didn't understand, Michael said, "I have a shoe horn." He looked enormously pleased with himself.

Then I got it. So we sat at the end of our respective beds, passing the bottle back and forth along with the plastic container of potato salad as we shoveled food into our mouths with a shoehorn.

If you had told me when I was a kid, "Honey, you're gonna spend an evening sitting in a cheap motel eating potato salad with a shoe horn and staring at a clown print in silence," would I have really worked so hard in college?

I used to think I'd like to see my future: "Oh, if only I could fast-forward a little bit and see where I end up. That will give me motivation to do well and be all that I can be!"

Right.

We have to choose those snapshots carefully. None of them are representative: it's all about context.

When we left the next morning, our drive took us though fields of orchids. Had we not stopped the night before, we would have driven past them in the dark.

A picture might be worth a thousand words, but you choose your words and your pictures carefully. And always pack a shoehorn.

I hope this author is wise enough to know that a lot of people are waiting and even want us to bump heads and attack each other for their own entertainment. But the best thing we can do for the Commonwealth is to join forces and help the Democrats to cure our sick democracy as we both want the same thing for the CNMI: good accountable government, economic prosperity and equality for all citizens.

Ambrose M Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph in the afternoon.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 82	▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 80	▼ 79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 80	▼ 79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82	▼ 79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 81	▼ 79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 81	▼ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 81	▼ 79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 54	▼ 47
Beijing	Showers	▲ 82	▼ 64
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 81
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86	▼ 76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71	▼ 54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88	▼ 65
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89	▼ 76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 57	▼ 46
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89	▼ 79
New York	Thunderstorms	▲ 75	▼ 71
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 90	▼ 76
Paris	Showers	▲ 70	▼ 55
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 79	▼ 72
Rome	Sunny	▲ 88	▼ 72
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87	▼ 61
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63	▼ 55
Seoul	Cloudy	▲ 83	▼ 68
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 88	▼ 78
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	▲ 81	▼ 71

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:02 AM	6:42 PM	Today	7:52 PM	7:11 AM
Wednesday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM	Wednesday	8:41 PM	8:12 AM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM	Thursday	9:29 PM	9:12 AM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM	Friday	10:16 PM	10:09 AM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM	Saturday	11:03 PM	11:06 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7
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GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7
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ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT
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PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT</td
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Business

Study: Keystone carbon pollution more than figured

WASHINGTON (AP)—The much-debated Keystone XL pipeline could produce four times more global warming pollution than the State Department calculated earlier this year, a new study concludes.

The U.S. estimates didn't take into account that the added oil from the pipeline would drop prices by about \$3 a barrel, spurring consumption that would create more pollution, the researchers said.

Outside experts not connect-

ed to the study gave it mixed reviews. The American Petroleum Institute found the study to be irrelevant because regardless of the pipeline, the tar sands will be developed and oil will be shipped by railroad if not by pipeline, spokeswoman Sabrina Fang said.

The researchers estimate that the proposed pipeline, which would carry oil from tar sands in western Canada to refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast, would increase world greenhouse gas

AP
This March 17, 2014, file photo shows a stake in the ground wrapped with tape that marks the route of the Keystone XL pipeline in Tilden, Neb.

emissions by as much as 121 million tons of carbon dioxide a year.

The department said this year that at most, the pipeline would increase world carbon dioxide emissions by 30 million tons.

Such emissions have been on the mind of President Barack Obama, who has said his administration would allow the pipeline to be built "only if this project does not significantly exacerbate the problem of carbon pollution."

The new estimates, from scientists at the Stockholm Environment Institute, were published Sunday by the journal *Nature Climate Change*. Peter Erickson, lead author, said his work implies that the pipeline could basically wipe out reductions from some potential pollution-cutting policies under discussion.

The State Department de-



clined to comment on the research by Erickson and co-author Michael Lazarus.

Lower prices may sound good, but there's no free lunch, said Wesleyan University environmental economist Gary Yohe, who praised the work.

"Lower fuel prices are bad if they don't include all of the social costs," Yohe wrote in an

email. "Consumers are happy, but the planet is not necessarily."

An increase of 121 million tons of carbon dioxide is dwarfed by the 36 billion tons of carbon dioxide the world pumped into the air in 2013. That's why University of Sussex economist Richard Tol dismissed the calculated Keystone effect as merely a drop in the

bucket. If somebody is concerned about climate change, he wrote in an email, the pipeline "should be the furthest from your mind."

Ken Caldeira of the Carnegie Institution of Washington agreed the amount is small, but said the concern is more about the idea of boosting emissions than the degree of change.

Realize your mistakes and follow through

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Q: During my career, I have encountered many political hurdles. Most recently, I seem to have alienated a colleague who is here on temporary assignment from our corporate headquarters. "Adele" and I have similar positions, though we work in different locations.

Shortly after she arrived, Adele told me that she didn't know why she had been selected for this project. She seemed visibly upset about her lack of certain required skills. Because this appeared to be a serious problem, I called Adele's boss and relayed her concerns. He said he would talk with her about it.

Now Adele has become very hostile towards me. She refuses to share information or assist me in any way. Other co-workers have told me that she says I can't be trusted. What should I do about this?

A: Unfortunately, you appear to have an extremely poor grasp of workplace boundaries. Since you and Adele are peers, sharing her comments with management was completely out of line. Even if confidentiality was not explicitly requested, most colleagues would have recognized this as a private venting session.

Considering the potential problems created by your disclosure, Adele's angry reaction is not surprising. However, she should have talked with you directly instead of badmouthing you to others. Nevertheless, as the one who created this problem, you should attempt to fix it by offering a sincere apology.

For example: "Adele, I know you're upset with me for calling your boss. Although I intended to be helpful, I now realize this was completely inappropriate, and I should have kept our conversation confidential. I hope

you will forgive me, because I really do want us to have a good working relationship."

If you are suitably contrite, Adele should eventually come around. But since you have "encountered many political hurdles" in the past, perhaps you should look for a mentor who can help you become more politically savvy.

Q: I have two employees with completely opposite personalities. Although they are both good workers, their constant bickering disrupts the entire department and makes me feel like a kindergarten teacher. I am sick of listening to their ongoing complaints about each other.

After the latest incident, I called them into my office and said the following: "Even though you have different opinions, you need to learn how to work together. I am not going to be a referee, so I expect you to start being civil and respectful towards each other. If you can't do that, then perhaps you will be happier working somewhere else." Do you think I did the right thing?

A: Absolutely. As a manager, you are to be commended for putting your foot down and telling these childish employees that it's time to grow up. Having set that expectation, however, you must now follow up by immediately stopping any inappropriate behavior.

Since people typically don't get to choose their colleagues, everyone will eventually encounter a coworker whom they don't particularly like. Despite having negative feelings, they must still behave in a pleasant, cooperative, and helpful manner, because that's what we expect from professional adults.

GM issues 6 more recalls covering 312,000 vehicles

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors on Friday issued six more recalls totaling more than 312,000 vehicles as the company cleans up past safety issues.

The recalls in North America pushed GM's total for the year to 66, covering just over 29 million cars and trucks. That beats the company's old full-year record and has pushed this total number for the industry this year to more than 40 million, also an annual record.

The largest of Friday's recalls covers 215,243 Saturn Vue SUVs from the 2002 through 2004 model years. GM says keys can be removed when ignitions are not in the "off" position. The problem is linked to two crashes and one injury.

GM is conducting a company-wide safety review following a bungled recall of 2.6 million small cars with faulty ignition switches.

GM has admitted knowing about the defective switches for at least a decade, yet it didn't recall the cars until February.

In the recalls announced Friday, GM has told dealers to stop selling some of the vehicles until repairs are made.

Including the Vue recall, GM has called back 16.5 million vehicles for ignition switch problems. In many cases the switches can be knocked from the "run" position to "accessory," shutting off the engine and disabling the power steering, power brakes and air bags.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the U.S. government's road safety agency, is investigating ignition switches across the auto industry to make sure they can't be inadvertently moved from the run position.

Dealers will inspect the Vue

ignitions and replace the cylinder if needed at no cost to customers. The company says it's important for drivers to make sure the SUVs are in "Park" before they exit the vehicles.

Other recalls announced Friday include:

■ 72,826 Cadillac ATS, Chevrolet Trax in Canada and Buick Encore cars and SUVs from the 2013 model year. In some of the vehicles, the front lap belts may not lock properly, allowing people to move in a crash. Dealers will replace the belt pretensioners. GM doesn't

know of any crashes, but it has told dealers not to sell the vehicles until repairs are done.

■ 15,386 Chevrolet Impalas from 2014 and 2015. On some LT and LTZ models, the front console storage door may not latch properly in a rear crash. Dealers will replace the latch.

The company knows of no crashes or injuries, but it's ordering dealers to hold the cars until repairs can be made.

■ 3,624 Cadillac ATS sedans from 2013 and 2014 to fix a problem with front lighting. These cars were all exported from the U.S.

■ 3,110 Chevrolet Spark minicars from 2014. Lower control arm bolts in the suspensions may not be tightened to specifications. Owners have been told to have their cars transported to dealerships for inspection and tightening. No crashes reported.

■ 2,091 Chevrolet Aveo sub-compacts from 2009 and 2010, 2009 Pontiac G3 subcompacts and the 2007 Chevrolet Optra in Canada. A brake fluid issue could lead to longer brake pedal travel and reduced brake performance. GM knows of no crashes or injuries.

Codfish numbers at key fishery hits all-time low

PORTLAND, Maine (AP)—The level of codfish spawning in one of the most critical fisheries in the Northeast U.S. is at an all-time low, putting more pressure on a fishery already dealing with declining catch and dramatic quota cuts.

National Marine Fisheries Service scientists say the amount of cod spawning in the Gulf of Maine is estimated to be 3 to 4 percent of its target level. That number declined from 13 to 18 percent three years ago.

Low levels of reproduction in the fishery are holding repopu-

lation back, scientists say. They are investigating what might be driving down the numbers of cod but believe temperature change—which they have also linked to a declining Northern shrimp stock and northern migration of herring—may be one factor.

The Gulf of Maine, along with Georges Bank, is one of two key areas where East Coast fishermen search for cod, a vital commercial fish in New England that appears in supermarkets and roadside fish-and-chip shops.

An updated assessment of the Gulf of Maine cod shows the fish spawning at levels lower than seen in data stretching back to the 1930s, scientists say. Records of cod catches dating back to the 19th century indicate the population has never dipped this low before, said Russ Brown, deputy science and research director at the Northeast Fisheries Science Center.

"The analysis really presents a grim picture for the recovery of the stock," Brown said. "Every indicator of the stock condition has declined or worsened

between 2011 and 2013."

Before the 2013-14 fishing season, federal regulators cut the Gulf of Maine cod harvest quota by 77 percent, to 1,550 metric tons, in the hopes of spurring growth in the fishery, and that's still in effect.

The federal New England Fishery Management Council is working on new management measures for the species, including a potential new quota for the 2015-16 fishing season that begins May 1. A recommendation could come in November, a spokeswoman said.

Nation

As probe begins, Stewart steps away from the track

CANANDAIGUA, N.Y. (AP)—The collision was as common as any in racing. Kevin Ward Jr.'s car spun twice like a top, wheels hugging the wall, before it plopped backward on the dimly lit dirt track.

In a sport steeped with bravado, what happened next was another familiar, but treacherous, move: Wearing a black firesuit and black helmet, the 20-year-old Ward unbuckled himself, climbed out of the winged car into the night and defiantly walked onto the track at Canandaigua Motorsports Park.

He gestured, making his disgust evident with the driver who triggered the wreck with a bump: three-time NASCAR champion Tony Stewart.

Ward, a relative unknown compared to NASCAR's noted swashbuckler, was nearly hit by another passing car as he pointed with his right arm in Stewart's direction. As he confronted Stewart in his passing car, disaster struck.

Ward was standing to the right of Stewart's familiar No. 14 car, which seemed to fishtail from the rear and hit him. According to video and witness accounts, Ward's body was

sucked underneath the car and hurtled through the air before landing on his back as fans looked on in horror.

Ward was killed. Stewart, considered one of the most proficient drivers in racing, dropped out of Sunday's NASCAR race at Watkins Glen, hours after Saturday's crash. And the sport was left reeling from a tragedy that could have ripple effects from the biggest stock car series down to weekend dirt track racing.

"There aren't words to describe the sadness I feel about the accident that took the life of Kevin Ward Jr.," Stewart said in a statement.

Authorities questioned the 43-year-old Stewart once on Saturday night and went to Watkins Glen to talk to him again Sunday. They described him as "visibly shaken" after the crash and said he was cooperative.

On Sunday, Ontario County Sheriff Philip Povero said that investigators also don't have any evidence at this point in the investigation to support criminal intent. But he also said that criminal charges have not been ruled out.

The crash raised several



This June 28, 2014 photo provided by Empire Super Sprints, Inc., shows sprint car driver Kevin Ward Jr., at the Merrittville Speedway in Thorold, Canada.

questions: Will Ward's death cause drivers to think twice about on-track confrontations? Did Stewart try and send his own message by buzzing Ward, the young driver, only to have his risky move turn fatal? Or did Ward simply take his life into his own hands by stepping into traffic in a black firesuit on a dark track?

The only one who may have that answer is Stewart.

David S. Weinsten, a former state and federal prosecutor in Miami who is now in private practice, said it would be difficult to prove criminal intent.

"I think even with the video, it's going to be tough to prove that this was more than just an accident and that it was even culpable negligence, which he should've known or should've believed that by getting close to this guy, that it was going to cause the accident," he said.

The sheriff renewed a plea for spectators to turn over photos and videos of the crash. Investigators were reconstructing the accident and looking into everything from the dim lighting on a portion of the track to how muddy it was, as well as if Ward's dark firesuit played a role in his

death, given the conditions.

Driver Cory Sparks, a friend of Ward's, was a few cars back when Ward was killed.

"The timing was unsafe," he said of Ward's decision to get out of his car to confront Stewart. "When your adrenaline is going, and you're taken out of a race, your emotions flare."

It's often just a part of racing. Drivers from mild-mannered Jeff Gordon to ladylike Danica Patrick have erupted in anger on the track at another driver. The confrontations are part of the sport's allure: Fans love it and cheer wildly from the stands. Stewart, who has a reputation for being a hothead nicknamed "Smoke," once wound up like a pitcher and tossed his helmet like a fastball at Matt Kenseth's windshield.

"I've seen it many times in NASCAR, where a driver will confront the other one, and a lot of times they'll try to speed past them. And that's what it appeared to me as if what Tony Stewart did, he tried to speed past Ward," witness Michael Messerly said. "And the next thing I could see, I didn't see Ward any more. It just seemed like he was suddenly gone."

LA woman punched by patrolman speaks

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Marlene Pinnock said she thought she was going to die as a California Highway Patrol officer straddled her, repeatedly punching her head on the side of a Los Angeles freeway.



Pinnock

beat me. I felt like he was trying to kill me, beat me to death," Pinnock said.

Pinnock, 51, was released from the hospital last week after several weeks of treatment for head injuries and now slurs her speech, Harper said.

Pinnock is suing CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow and Officer Daniel L. Andrew in federal court for civil rights violations. The suit claims excessive force, assault, battery and a violation of Pinnock's due process rights. The CHP hasn't identified the officer but said he had been on the job for 1 1/2 years and is on desk duty pending completion of the internal investigation.

Her attorney Caree Harper frequently interrupted her and limited her responses to a reporter's questions.

"He grabbed me, he threw me down, he started beating me, he

Farrow met with commu-

nity and civil rights leaders in Los Angeles multiple times last month and pledged that the investigation will conclude in weeks rather than the usual months.

Sgt. Melissa Hammond, a CHP spokeswoman, said Sunday that she couldn't comment on the ongoing investigation.

The agency has said that Pinnock was endangering herself by walking on Interstate 10 and the officer was trying to restrain her.

Pinnock said she had been homeless for the last three to five years, occasionally staying at a shelter, a family member's home or living on the streets.

She said she had been on her way to a place frequented by the homeless where she said she could feel safe to fall asleep. Harper said the area was only

accessible by walking along the freeway ramp.

She was placed on an involuntary psychiatric hold by Andrew after the encounter, according to a document obtained by the AP. Andrew said in his report that she was a danger to herself and wrote that "upon contacting the subject she was talking to herself. The subject began telling me 'I want to walk home' and called me 'the devil.' The subject then tried to walk into traffic lanes."

Harper didn't allow Pinnock to discuss the details leading up to the encounter or her medical condition.

"If in fact she did call him the devil, it's secondary to the fact that he proved to be either the devil or a close relative," Harper said. "Because he treated her in a manner nobody should ever be treated."

Husband arrested in Philadelphia jogger's death

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The husband of a jogger found strangled in a park has been charged with her murder, police said Sunday, days after they warned female runners to take extra precautions until the killer was caught.

Authorities announced the arrest of 48-year-old Christopher Murray at a Sunday afternoon news conference. His 46-year-old wife, Constance, was found dead Tuesday in Pennypack

Park in northeast Philadelphia. The mother of two had been out running the night before.

"The reality was he became a suspect early on and remained a suspect until he confessed," Lt. Philip Riehl said.

Riehl said Murray has expressed remorse. "I think it was more of a rage incident more than premeditated," he said.

Investigators say Murray trailed his wife in a car while she went out Monday night, and

the two began to argue. Police say Murray continued to follow her, and the pair went to a bench at the park where they continued to fight.

"She went up there voluntarily to talk to him about whatever was going on and things went bad," Riehl said.

Christopher Murray strangled his wife and left her body near the bench, police said. He called police early Wednesday to report her missing, and a woman

walking her dog found Connie Murray's body a few hours later.

Surveillance video showed Christopher Murray in his vehicle, and he was taken in for questioning Saturday night, police said.

Riehl said aspects of his story didn't add up. He failed a lie detector test and then confessed, Riehl said.

Connie Murray's headphones and cellphone were recovered in a nearby sewer.

Vandalism reported after vigil for Missouri man

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP)—A few thousand people crammed a suburban St. Louis street Sunday night at a vigil for an unarmed black man shot and killed by a police officer, while afterward several car windows were smashed and stores were looted as people carried away armloads of goods. The candlelight gathering was for 18-year-old Michael Brown, who police said was shot multiple times Saturday after a scuffle involving the officer and two people in Ferguson, a predominantly black suburb of the city. At the vigil, people placed candles, flowers and a teddy bear at the location where Brown was killed. One group broke off to spray paint "R.I.P. Michael" on the street. Afterward, an Associated Press reporter saw some people looting a convenience store.

Asia

Kerry tries to ease Asian territorial disputes

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NAYPYITAW, Myanmar (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry tried Sunday to calm the brewing storm over territorial disputes in Asian waters, appealing to China and its neighbors to settle their differences and ease tensions.

Kerry said at a meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations that it was not enough to keep working on a long-delayed code of conduct for the South China Sea, where many

nations have competing claims.

"We think the urgency of developments means that it is not enough simply to wait for that solution to arrive," Kerry said. "Obvious dangers arise during waiting time. The claimants need to take steps now to lower the temperature."

Kerry added that the U.S. believes "the obligation to clarify claims in keeping with international law applies to all claimants, not just China."

America's top diplomat also said he had raised with Myanmar officials a series of reforms

that needed to be completed. They include addressing ethnic conflicts and religious intolerance, and establishing guidelines for the role of the country's military and constitutional reforms with an eye toward elections to be held in 2015.

He said "next year's election will absolutely be a benchmark moment for the whole world to assess the direction Burma is moving in."

Kerry said he had invited several Cabinet ministers and lawmakers to Washington for discussions with administration and

congressional officials on how best to make the election credible and complete the transition process with democratic reforms.

He stressed those points later in a 50-minute meeting with opposition leader and Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi in Yangon, Myanmar's largest city.

Kerry then headed to Australia, where he was joining U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel for talks with government officials.

On the maritime disputes, the Philippines offered an initiative Saturday that incorporated the American concept of a voluntary

end to tension-producing activities. The U.S. is calling for a freeze in actions that change the status quo, such as seizing unoccupied islands and land reclamation.

In addition to the immediate voluntary cessation of provocative acts, Manila's plan calls for the speedy conclusion of the code of conduct as well as long-term arbitration over disputes that would eventually resolve the claims under the U.N. Law of the Sea.

At a news conference Sunday, Kerry told reporters that the

U.S. freeze proposal "is a way of actually locking into place the very promises that people have already made."

Kerry brushed aside Chinese resistance, noting that the U.S. was "very pleased" that ASEAN foreign ministers had included positive language about it in a statement.

Several U.S. officials had said earlier that the ASEAN statement was a setback to China because Beijing would have preferred the subject not be addressed at all.

"I think we made the point that we came to make," Kerry said.



In this photo taken Aug. 3, 2014, Thai surrogate mother Pattaramon Chanbua, a 21-year-old food vendor, poses with Gammy, a nine-month old baby boy who was born with a Down syndrome, at a hospital in Sri Racha, Chonburi province, southeastern Thailand.

Couple denies abandoning surrogate-born baby

SYDNEY (AP)—An Australian couple denied they had abandoned their son with his Thai surrogate after learning he had Down syndrome, saying in an interview broadcast on Sunday that the woman demanded she be allowed to keep the boy.

Baby Gammy's surrogate mother, Pattaramon Chanbua, a 21-year-old food vendor with two young children of her own, had accused the boy's biological parents, Wendy and David Farnell, of leaving her with the infant while taking his healthy twin sister, Pipah, back with them to Australia.

"We did not abandon our son," an emotional David Farnell said in an interview with Australia's "60 Minutes."

"[Pattaramon] said that if we tried to take our little boy, she's going to get the police and she's going to try and take our little girl and she's going to keep both of the babies," he said.

Pattaramon denied that she'd ever threatened to keep both children, but agreed that she hadn't wanted the Farnells to take Gammy home.

"I did not allow Gammy to go back with them—that's the truth,"

she told The Associated Press on Sunday, apparently backtracking from her earlier accusation that the couple had abandoned the baby boy. "It is because they would have taken Gammy back and put him in an institute."

The case, which has focused global attention on the largely unregulated surrogacy industry in Thailand, became even murkier when it emerged that David Farnell had been convicted in the 1990s of multiple sex offenses against young girls. Farnell insisted Sunday that his daughter is not at risk of harm from him.

The Farnells had been trying for eight years to conceive when they approached a Thai surrogacy agency for help.

When the babies were born, however, the Farnells said they realized they wanted to keep both. But Pattaramon then insisted she be allowed to keep Gammy, and threatened to keep Pipah as well, David Farnell said. The couple believes Pattaramon wanted to keep Gammy because male children are prized in Asian cultures.

The Farnells said they never went to any officials or contacted the Australian Embassy in Bangkok about Pattaramon's alleged threat. They left Gammy and returned home to Western Australia state only with Pipah, they said, because their visa was running out.

Newspaper: Terrorist's son poses in gruesome photo

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—An Australian newspaper on Monday published a photograph of a child it said was the son of an Australian convicted terrorist holding aloft the severed head of a Syrian soldier.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio that the photograph was further evidence of "just how barbaric" the Islamic State group is.

The Australian newspaper reported that the photograph of terrorist Khaled Sharrouf's son, who was raised in Sydney, was posted on Twitter by his proud father.

"That's my boy!" Sharrouf apparently posted beneath the image that was taken in the northern Syrian city of Raqqa, the capital of what has been declared that an Islamic Caliphate by the Islamic State, the newspaper reported.

The child, who is not named, appears to be younger than 10 years old.

Sharrouf used his brother's passport to leave Australia last year with his wife and three sons to fight in Syria and Iraq. The Australian government had banned him from leaving the country because of the terrorism threat he posed.

He was among nine Muslim men accused in 2007 of stockpiling bomb-making materials and plotting terrorist attacks in Australia's largest cities, Sydney and Melbourne.

He pleaded guilty to terrorism offenses and was sentenced in 2009 to four years in prison.

Australian police announced last month that they had arrest warrants for Sharrouf and his companion Mohamed Elomar, another former Sydney resident, for "terrorism-related activity."

They will be arrested if they return to Australia. The warrants followed photographs being posted on Sharrouf's Twitter account showing Elomar smiling and holding the severed heads of two Syrian soldiers.

In June, The Australian newspaper published a photograph of Sharrouf posing among the bodies of massacred Iraqis.

Abbott, who on Monday was in the Netherlands, said he expected Australian C-130 Hercules and C-17 Globemaster military transport planes would join multinational humanitarian efforts this week on Iraq's Sinjar Mountain.

British officials estimated Saturday that 50,000 to 150,000 people could be trapped on the mountain, where they fled to escape the Islamic extremists, only to become stranded there with few supplies.

"Australia will gladly join the humanitarian airlifts to the people stranded on Mount Sinjar," Abbott told ABC. "This is a potential humanitarian catastrophe."

He said Islam State's quest for a terrorist nation posed "extraordinary problems" for the Middle East and the wider world.

"We see more and more evidence of just how barbaric this particular entity is," Abbott said.

ASIA BRIEFS

4 Afghan civilians killed in Kabul suicide bombing

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A suicide car bomber attacked a NATO convoy moving through Afghanistan's capital Sunday, killing at least four civilians and wounding more than 35 in an assault claimed by the Taliban, authorities said. The blast struck two MRAPs, or Mine Resistant Ambush Protected armored vehicles, in western Kabul, damaging a civilian car and leaving debris scattered across a highway lined by shops. NATO troops and Afghan soldiers cordoned off the scene after the blast. Hashmat Stanikzai, a spokesman for Kabul's police chief, said the blast killed four civilians and wounded more than 35 people. NATO later said the blast wounded none of its troops, though it was investigating the attack.

China says 18 surrender after Xinjiang violence

BEIJING (AP)—Eighteen people who took part in violence that killed almost 100 people near China's border with Pakistan last month have handed themselves in to authorities, Chinese state media said Sunday. Authorities say a terrorist gang attacked a police station and government buildings in Shache county near Kashgar on July 28, killing 37 people before

police shot dead 59 of the attackers. Xinjiang has experienced rising unrest in recent months blamed on militants from the region's native Muslim Turkic Uighur ethnic group who are seeking to overthrow Chinese rule. Of the 37 civilians who were killed, 35 were Han Chinese and two were Uighur, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. It has not released any details about the attackers.

Pakistan opens murder case against cleric

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistani authorities have opened a murder investigation against an anti-government cleric after a police officer was killed in clashes with the cleric's supporters, a top Pakistani official said Sunday. The clashes and murder investigation are part of escalating tensions in Pakistan where two high-profile figures—the cleric and cricket legend-turned-politician Imran Khan—have called for the government's ouster. Both are calling for a march on the capital Islamabad on Thursday, vowing to bring thousands of people into the streets and throw the government into crisis. The cleric, Tahir-ul-Qadri, is from Pakistan but also spends time in Canada. He has a network of mosques and religious schools across Pakistan with thousands of followers.

World

Israel, Hamas accept Egyptian cease-fire proposal

CAIRO (AP)—Israel and the Hamas militant group accepted an Egyptian cease-fire proposal Sunday, clearing the way for the resumption of talks on a long-term truce to end a month of heavy fighting in the Gaza Strip that has taken nearly 2,000 lives.

The announcement marked

the second time in less than a week that the bitter enemies had agreed to Egyptian mediation. A similar three-day truce last week collapsed in renewed violence over the weekend.

The truce took effect at midnight (2101 GMT), preceded by heavy rocket fire toward Israel. In Cairo, the Egyptian Foreign

Ministry said the cease-fire would allow humanitarian aid into battered Gaza neighborhoods and the reopening of indirect talks on a more lasting and comprehensive deal.

Hamas is seeking an end to the Israeli-Egyptian blockade against Gaza, while Israel wants Hamas to dismantle its formida-

ble arsenal of rockets and other weapons.

Palestinian negotiators accepted the proposal early Sunday after meeting with Egyptian officials throughout the weekend. Israeli officials concurred later. Both delegations are back in Cairo.

Qais Abdelkarim, a member

of the Palestinian delegation, said indirect talks with the Israelis would begin Monday “with the hope of reaching a lasting cease-fire.” The goal, he added, was to end the blockade, which he called “the reason for the war.”

The recent fighting has been the heaviest between Israel

and Hamas since Hamas took control of Gaza in 2007. More than 1,900 Palestinians have been killed, including hundreds of civilians. On the Israeli side, 67 people have been killed, including three civilians. Nearly 10,000 people have been wounded and thousands of homes destroyed.

Crash of Iranian built plane leaves 39 dead

Iranian Revolutionary Guards prevent the media from approaching the wreckage of a passenger plane crash near the capital Tehran, Iran, Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014. AP



TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—A locally built Iranian passenger plane crashed shortly after takeoff in Tehran on Sunday, killing 39 people and reviving questions about the safety of a cash-strapped aviation sector left hobbled by international sanctions.

President Hassan Rouhani offered his condolences to victims' families and quickly ordered an investigation into the crash. Similar planes operated by Iranian carriers will be grounded until the probe is complete, he directed.

The plane was based on a relatively obscure Ukrainian design that has been involved in previous Iranian air disasters. A Ukrainian-made An-140 crashed near the central Iranian city of Isfahan in 2002, killing 46 mostly Ukrainian and Russian experts traveling to witness the maiden flight of the Iranian-built version of the plane.

A similar Iranian-made version crashed during a training flight in Isfahan in February 2009, killing five onboard, according to a report by state-run Press TV at the time. State TV said the plane's tail struck the cables of an electricity tower before it hit the ground and burst into flames. The official IRNA news agency said the plane suffered an engine failure.

Whatever the ultimate cause, quick thinking by the pilot may have saved some lives.

“We should be thankful to God that the pilot did all he could to steer the plane away from residential buildings and fortunately did not crash into them. Otherwise, we would have been dealing with a much worse crisis,” said Jalal Maleki, spokesman of Tehran’s Fire Department.

Known as an IrAn-140 or Iran-140, the twin-engine turboprop is a version of the Antonov An-140 regional plane and is assembled under license in Iran. It can carry up to 52 passengers.

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those run by the state, are chronically strapped for cash, rely on aging planes and have a spotty maintenance record.

While some operate Boeing and Airbus models, spare parts for Western-made planes are often hard to come by—largely because of sanctions aimed at Iran’s nuclear program.

Those difficulties have left Iranian airlines increasingly reliant on planes developed by the Soviet Union and its successor states, though parts for aging Soviet-era planes can also be tough to get.

At the crash site, members of the elite Revolutionary Guard worked to secure the scene from onlookers while security and rescue personnel combed the wreckage. The plane’s mangled but largely intact tail section was torn from the fuselage and came to rest on a nearby road.

State TV said the bodies of some of the victims were so badly burned that they could not be identified. They will be handed over to relatives after DNA tests are carried out to de-

termine their identities, it said.

Eyewitness Hassan Molla said he heard a roaring sound as the plane came in low overhead, one wing tilting.

“There was no smoke or anything. It was absolutely sound and in good condition” before the crash and what appeared to be multiple explosions, he said.

Tunisia's fishermen save rising tide of migrants

ZARZIS, Tunisia (AP)—The fishermen of this small North African port are used to catching sea bass and sea bream in their nets, but lately they’ve been hauling in something else: shipwrecked migrants fleeing war-ravaged Libya on flimsy boats.

Chamseddine Bourassine, a Tunisian fisherman in his 50s, and his colleagues are on the front lines of a growing humanitarian disaster as waves of migrants take to the sea bound for Italy. They do their best to save who they can, but Bourassine says they’re quickly being overcome by this year’s flood of African and Middle Eastern migrants seeking a new life in Europe.

The fishermen, who are risking both their lives and

livelihoods to rescue the migrants, often cite a saying by the Prophet Muhammad: “Who saves a life, saves all of humanity.”

“Today I have the means to bring back 107 people, but I’ll lose 3,000 Tunisian dinars (\$1,750),” Bourassine says. “Tomorrow I might not be able to. I have people who work with me. If I interrupt work once, twice, three times, it becomes a heavy burden on my shoulders.”

He estimates he has saved more than 1,000 migrants on four separate occasions while out in his fishing boat, twice since the Libyan uprising in 2011.

Bourassine and other fishermen don’t take any rewards for saving the migrants and he understands why they are trying

to leave. But he says it’s not his job to save them and he feels there’s been a lack of support from rescue organizations and governmental authorities.

Mansour Ben Chouikha, a fifty-something fisherman, paused while cleaning his rustic blue-and-white fishing vessel to describe the horrific scenes he has witnessed on the calm, peaceful waters off Zarzis, only 80 kilometers (50 miles) from the Libyan border. He says he has seen floating bodies decomposing in the Mediterranean, some missing their heads.

“We find them dead but we don’t declare it,” said Chouikha. “(If) there is a body in the water and we are six or seven hours from the land, we can’t get them on board.”

Focus

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)— It was an extraordinary act of defiance, and it was extraordinarily risky. But all he did was take out a pen, and write.

Nearly 40 years ago, hunched on the floor of the wood-and-leaf hut he was forced to live in away from his children, Cambodian school inspector Poch Younly kept a secret diary vividly recounting the horrors of life under the Khmer Rouge, the radical communist regime whose extreme experiment in social engineering took the lives of 1.7 million Cambodians from overwork, medical neglect, starvation and execution.

Acutely aware that he could be killed if discovered, Younly hid the diary inside a clay vase. In those dark days, when religion and schools were banned and anyone deemed educated was a threat, he had no right to own so much as a pen and paper.

"Why is it that I have to die here like a cat or a dog ... without any reason, without any meaning?" he wrote in the spiral-bound notebook's last pages.

Four decades later, that question still haunts Cambodia.

Younly did not survive that era. But his diary did. It was part of the vast case file which this week helped convict the only two surviving Khmer Rouge leaders still facing justice—83-year-old former president Khieu Samphan and 88-year-old Nuon Chea, right-hand man of the group's infamous late leader, Pol Pot. On Thursday, a U.N.-backed tribunal sentenced both men to life in prison for crimes against humanity—a verdict that many believe was too little, and far too late.

Made public for the first time last year, the diary is astonishingly rare—one of just four known firsthand accounts penned by victims and survivors while the Khmer Rouge were in power, compared to 453 such documents written by communist cadres at the time.

It is "the story of all of us who survived," said Youk Chhang, who runs the Documentation Center of Cambodia, which has amassed millions of documents, photographs, films and verbal testimonies from the Khmer Rouge era. When the Khmer Rouge were in charge, everything belonged to the revolution, he said. "You owned nothing. Not even your life story."

Younly's account is vital because people like Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea have tried to cast doubt over atrocities committed during their rule. The majority of Cambodians living today were born after the Khmer Rouge were ousted in 1979, and even those who survived can forget how bad it was.

"People forget how hungry we were," said Youk Chhang, who still has dark scars on his legs from shackles he was held in by Khmer Rouge soldiers for two months. "It's hard to describe to young people what starvation felt like. But the whole nation was starved ... and this story is rarely told."

Written in Khmer, the diary fills about 100 pages and is divided into two sections. The first summarizes Younly's family history, an era spanning French colonial rule, the Japanese occupation during World War II, and his arranged marriage to his then 15-year-



In this photo taken, July 18, 2014, an ID photo of Poch Younly is placed on his dairy displayed at the Documentation Center of Cambodia in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. AP

Rare diary gives details of LIFE UNDER KHMER ROUGE

By TODD PITMAN
Associated Press

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old wife. The rest, written as a letter addressed to his children, describes life under the Khmer Rouge and is dated only at the start and the end—Feb. 9 and July 29, 1976, with a final post-script entered a few days later.

When Khmer Rouge forces seized Phnom Penh on April 17, 1975, the couple was living with eight of their children in a rural town called Kampong Chhnang. Three days later, the guerrillas arrived and residents—including Younly—cheered, relieved the war was finally over, his 86-year-old widow Som Seng Eath recalled.

But within hours, everything changed. Every soul was ordered to leave on foot.

The Khmer Rouge were emptying Cambodia's cities, marching millions of people into the countryside to work as manual laborers. Their aim was to create an agrarian communist utopia, but they were turning the Southeast Asian nation into a slave state.

Younly "didn't believe what was happening. He kept saying, 'Don't worry, we'll be back soon, don't pack much,'" his widow said. She ignored his advice, and took as much as she could—including five of her husband's school notebooks, and several blue ink pens.

As gunshots rang, they joined the departing hordes, cradling their young children and whatever they could carry. As they walked into the night, people wept.

Younly recounts marching through forests and mountains for nearly two

weeks. Along the way, most of their possessions were confiscated, including four of the notebooks and a prized camera Younly had bought during a government visit to inspect schools in the United States in 1961.

Ominously, they began hearing talk of execution sites ahead—what would

later become known as Cambodia's "killing fields."

On May 1, they reached the village of Chumteav Chreng and settled.

The new authorities, known as "Angkar"—"The Organization"—soon "ordered all of our clothes to be dyed black,"

Younly wrote. The evacuees were organized into work units. Children were separated from their parents, and put to work in special units of their own.

"We worked day and night clearing wood to make arable land, uprooting the trees, digging canals, building



In this photo taken, July 3, 2014, a dairy writer Poch Younly's family, Som Seng Eath, 86, left, wife, talks with the Associated Press, as her daughter Poch Visethneary, 53, right, together with her sons listen in their home, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. AP

roads and dikes, planting vegetables and digging ponds," Younly wrote. "We worked 10 to 13 hours a day."

Food supplies dwindled, and Younly and his wife grew so desperate they traded clothes and a treasured family locket for salt, sugar and medicine.

The following month, Younly fell ill. He could not work, but he had the privacy to write.

Months later, he began sensing his end was near.

"By now, my body resembles a corpse, thin with only skin and bones," he wrote. "I have no energy, and my hands and legs tremble. No power, no strength. I cannot walk far or do heavy work. Everyone works like animals, like machines, without any value, without hope for the future."

At one point, Younly writes of his regret at not being able to see all of his children. His two oldest sons were elsewhere in the country. The rest were forced to live in other parts of the village, working in mobile children's work units.

"Let me die," he continued. "Let my destiny take me wherever it goes ... My children, I miss you; I love you."

Younly wrote until there were no pages left to write on, his wife said. On Aug. 1, 1976, he wrote a postscript on the final page, asking his family to take care of the diary.

Hours later, he was taken away by the regime to help lift a palm tree that had fallen in a paddy field. In fact, authorities had come to arrest him because one of his sons had attempted to exchange an Omega watch Younly had bought in America 15 years earlier for fermented fish.

Private property was illegal; hiding it was worse.

"I never saw him again," Som Seng Eath said, tears streaming down her wrinkled cheeks 38 years later.

Younly died several weeks later, in a nearby prison where he was kept chained to the ground.

Som Seng Eath says the diary is too painful to read now. She says she didn't understand its importance at the time. But she can never forget what he said about it. "He once looked up at me and said, 'Protect this no matter what, even if I die.'"

His widow kept the diary safe for two decades, then passed it on to one of her daughters. It was the daughter's husband who suggested giving the notebook to the documentation center to protect the fragile, yellowed pages of history.

Overdrive

2014 Mercedes-Benz S550 4Matic wants to drive you into the future

By MARK PHELAN
DETROIT FREE PRESS

BMW may be the ultimate driving machine, but Mercedes-Benz is working on the ultimate driverless machine. The three-star 2014 Mercedes-Benz S550 4Matic comes closer to autonomous driving than any other vehicle you can buy, thanks to a suite of sensors that can accelerate, brake and—in limited circumstances—steer the big luxury sedan.

It also has some frankly goofy features. Who would have thought super-serious Mercedes would boast about aromatherapy?

It's hard to describe a feature that spritzes perfume into the passenger cabin as anything but frivolous, but Mercedes is very serious about its technology for autonomous driving. S550 features include adaptive cruise control; automatic brakes that can bring the big sedan to a full stop to avoid hitting a pedestrian or another car; night vision, and steering that can correct itself to keep the car centered in its lane and follow other vehicles in traffic without the driver doing anything.

The car's ability to steer itself is far enough ahead of our time that S-class drivers can't fully appreciate it, though. Mercedes artificially limits the feature. While the technologies for self-driving cars exist, the regulatory and le-

gal systems have barely begun to address autonomous vehicles. Customers are probably even farther from being ready. Mercedes won't rush them.

That makes the 2014 S550 a prologue to the cars Mercedes really wants to build. It's packed with technology that doesn't get to strut its stuff.

Perhaps for that reason, the S550 is a superb car in which to be driven, but not particularly engaging to drive. The luxurious materials and advanced features pamper passengers, but I found driving the S550 to be a competent, somewhat bland experience.

Mercedes' S-class family of large luxury cars is all-new for 2014. Prices start at \$92,900 for an S550 with a 449-hp twin-turbo 4.6L V8 and seven-speed automatic transmission. Adding all-wheel-drive for the S550 4Matic model raises the price to \$95,900. The high-performance S63 AMG features a 577-hp twin-turbo 5.5L V8 and lists for \$139,500.

I tested a rear-drive S550 with massaging front seats; sumptuous reclining rear seats with memory; heated and ventilated rear seats; black leather upholstery; 19-inch AMG five-spoke wheels, and much more.

It stickered at \$120,420. All prices exclude destination charges.

The S550 competes with such luxury cars as the Audi A8L,



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2014 Mercedes-Benz S550 4Matic has adaptive cruise control with steering assist and active lane keeping, making it the nearest thing to autonomous driving available for purchase. Prices start at \$92,900 for the S-class, which has more technology than it can yet use.

BMW 750iL, Jaguar XJ8L, Lexus LS 460L and Porsche Panamera S.

The S550's price is competitive with those models. It offers loads of technology and unparalleled comfort.

The engine delivers its power smoothly, including 516 lb-ft of torque from a mere 1,800 r.p.m. Mercedes' seven-speed automatic transmission is quick and smooth. The S550 4Matic's acceleration falls in the middle of its competitive set. Mercedes' claimed 4.8 second 0-60 m.p.h. time trails the A8L

Quattro, BMW 750Li xDrive and Porsche Panamera 4S. It's quicker than the XJ8L Portfolio AWD and LS 460L AWD.

The EPA rates the S550 4Matic at 16 m.p.g. in the city, 26 on the highway and 19 combined. The combined figure matches Audi, BMW and Jag, beats Lexus, but trails Porsche.

The interior is spacious and ritzy, trimmed with attractive, understated wood, leather, suede and aluminum. The rear seat is spectacularly roomy, with heated and ventilated outboard positions and glorious pil-

lowed headrest cushions.

While the S-class driving systems aim for a point where the driver doesn't have to do anything, some elementary controls could use work. The procedure to pair a Bluetooth device is counter-intuitive. There's only one 12-volt power point in the front seat, an indication the product planners perceived this primarily as a chauffeured vehicle. The outlet is part of a poorly laid out center console. It's impossible to access the outlet, CD player and cupholders simultaneously. The door

of the sunglasses holder in the roof was defective and difficult to close.

The exterior styling is elegant, with crisp lines that make the S550 look smaller than it is. A short trunk, falling roofline and character lines along the sides visually counterbalance the long hood.

The 2014 S550 4Matic is a study in automotive luxury packed with technology that's a bit ahead of its time. It'll be interesting to see what Mercedes can do when drivers and the legal system catch up.

NUTS & BOLTS

2014 Mercedes-Benz S550 4Matic

- Rear-wheel-drive five-passenger luxury sedan
- Price as tested: \$120,420 (excluding destination charge)
- Rating: 3 (Out of four stars)
- Reasons to buy: Passenger room and comfort; features.
- Shortcomings: Shortage of 12v power points; ergonomics.
- Competitive EPA fuel economy ratings:

SPECIFICATIONS AS TESTED

- Engine: 4.7L twin-turbo 32-valve V8
- Power: 449 hp @ 5,2500-5,500 r.p.m.; 516 lb-ft of torque @ 1,800-3,500 r.p.m.
- Transmission: Seven-speed automatic
- EPA fuel economy rating: 16 m.p.g. city/26 highway/19 combined. Premium gasoline

DIMENSIONS

- Wheelbase: 124.6 inches
- Length: 206.5 inches

- Width: 74.8 inches
- Height: 58.7 inches
- Curb weight: 4,773 lbs.
- Where assembled: Sindelfingen, Germany

KEY FEATURES ON VEHICLE TESTED

- Standard equipment: Antilock brakes; stability control; attention assist; automatic braking; curve-following LED headlights; LED daytime running lights; automatic high beams; collision prevention assist; emergency brake assist; rearview camera; power sunroof; ambient lighting; wood/leather steering wheel; power rear sun shade; power windows, locks and mirrors; memory for driver and front passenger settings; Bluetooth compatible; voice recognition; soft-close doors; power folding mirrors.
- Options: Black Nappa leather; night vision; exclusive trim package; split view display; push button start; heated and ventilated front seats; power rear side window sun shades; parking assist; parking sensors; massaging front seats.

Save money on troubleshooting and towing by following these tips

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: Code P0172 came up in my 2010 Chevy Malibu. The dealer charged me \$100 to troubleshoot the code. I was told that all the sensors were good and to run the gas tank low and fill up with high octane gas. Does going to high octane gas make any sense to you? The check engine light is still on and I'm concerned that if another code comes up I'll never know. What do you think?

A: If the engine in your vehicle is the 2.4-liter inline 4-cylinder, The P0172 indicates a rich fuel/air mixture. The long-term fuel trim is beyond the range of adjustment based on the oxygen sensor feedback to the PCM. Look for a leaking fuel pressure regulator or fuel injector, or a restriction in the induction system like a clogged air cleaner or collapsed induction hose. Other possibilities include fuel contamination in the crankcase, a faulty PCV or evaporative emissions system, or contaminated fuel. If it is a fuel issue such as an excess

amount of alcohol, the dealer's advice might help.

All bets are off if it's a V-6 engine, because the P0172 code would indicate a rich mixture on cylinder bank 1 only. If this is the case, look for a mechanical issue with an injector or fuel pressure regulator.

By the way, you may be able to avoid the diagnostic charge in the future. A number of auto parts stores will plug a scanner into the diagnostic link on your vehicle and read any stored fault codes—at no charge.

Taking advantage of this service not only can save you money, but arm you with accurate diagnostic information when you take the vehicle to the dealership or service agency.

Q: I am having a problem with my 2000 Chrysler minivan that I bought new. It had 175,000 miles on it the first time it stalled on me. Since no one could figure it out I just let it go until now. The problem is after driving the car for at least 40 minutes in very hot weather with the air conditioning on, the car



A: In the remainder of your letter you mentioned having the crankshaft and camshaft position sensors replaced,

but I doubt this fixed the issue. From your description, the engine is suffering from a loss of fuel pressure. If it is heat-related—high underhood temperatures—it would be labeled 'vapor lock' where the fuel boils in the fuel rail, generating air bubbles that disrupt fuel delivery. Try carrying a spray bottle of water with you,

and when this happens again, open the hood and cool the underhood components of the fuel system with water. If the car restarts and runs cleanly, it's vapor lock. Servicing the cooling system and insuring good air flow through the air conditioning condenser and radiator can help lower underhood temperatures.

If the water doesn't help, it's possible that it's a failing fuel pump or debris in the fuel tank is slowly clogging the fuel strainer surrounding the fuel pickup as you drive. This would also cause a loss of fuel pressure, but after sitting the debris can fall away from the strainer allowing the car to run fine again—for a while.

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Life & Style

'Mad Max' director 'heartbroken' over Mel Gibson

SAN DIEGO (AP)—"Mad Max" director George Miller was "heartbroken" over Mel Gibson's string of scandals in recent years. But he says that isn't why he recast the lead part in the post-apocalyptic auto action franchise.

Gibson was simply too old.

The Australian director helped launch Gibson, now 58, to stardom three decades ago in the trilogy featuring stark desert landscapes, intense car chases and a bleach-blond Tina Turner.

Miller, 69, originally hoped to bring Gibson back as Max Rockatansky for the fourth film. As he developed the story over the last decade, Miller hatched plans for a second trilogy instead of just the one new film. Concerned that Gibson wouldn't be able to commit to three more movies, he asked Tom Hardy, 36, to step into the road warrior's black leather boots.

"I have a great affection for Mel. I was really heartbroken to see him go into (the scandals)," Miller said in a recent interview. "But it's a new time. I hope Mel gets to act in more movies because I think he's a wonderful actor. But I think he's an amazingly good director."

Miller describes "Mad Max:



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This photo released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Tom Hardy as Max in a scene from the film, "Mad Max: Fury Road."

"Fury Road" as an extended chase taking place over three days. The movie, due out next summer and also starring Charlize Theron, features minimal dialogue. The screenplay consisted of storyboards—sketches of each planned shot—rather

than a conventional script.

"You're picking up the characters and the backstory as you go," Miller said. "And in order to create that backstory, we found ourselves having written two other screenplays. One of them is completed. The other one is

in the form of a kind of unedited novel. So by the time we got there, we realized we've got a couple more Mad Max stories to tell, and that ... required us to cast someone who was younger."

Miller showed the first footage from "Mad Max: Fury

Road" at the recent Comic-Con fest in San Diego and got an enthusiastic response from attendees. He's still finishing work on the movie, his return to live action after directing the animated "Happy Feet" in 2006 and 2011's sequel.

"Roman Polanski had a saying, which is that there's only one perfect place for the camera at any given time. And I learned that on the animations," Miller said. "You can move the camera wherever you like. But to tell the story—it was interesting how much you could influence the story by simply shooting from another perspective."

There is, of course, a heightened sense of danger when you're moving said camera through a high-speed motorcycle and dune buggy chase in the harsh Australian outback—not circling cute dancing penguins via computer software.

"Particularly a film like this where we wanted to shoot like real, old-school," Miller said. "Every car you see smashed is a real car. Every stuntman you see is a real person, and in many cases the cast. ... It's like being in the middle of a real-life video game getting that footage. One, two inches too far one way or the other or a miscue and you've got disaster on your hands. It was both exhilarating and very wearying."

There were only minor injuries during the shoot, Miller said. "Mad Max: Fury Road" will roll into theatres next May.

Age is not a cage: 90-year-old musicians go strong

NEW YORK (AP)—There's an upcoming concert at Baruch College, but it has nothing to do with students. The performers are in their 90s, and one is even older than the Manhattan school founded in 1919.

Pianist and composer Irving Fields, who turned 99 last week, will perform a show Monday night dubbed "90 and Going Strong" at the college along with Emmy-winning entertainer Fyvush Finkel and clarinetist Sol Yaged, both 91. The concert

celebrates their passion and commitment to music and live performance despite their age.

"I call myself 99 years young. Age is just a number," Fields said in an interview. "Music keeps me younger. ... I play 10 notes, I'm 40 years younger. I play a whole concerto, I'm like Benjamin Button!"

The trio's concert will be their second in a month at the 175-seat Engelman Recital Hall in the Baruch Performing Arts Center. Tickets cost \$35.

"It was so successful. It was jam-packed," Fields said of their first show.

The performers have played music since their teenage years and enjoyed success by writing songs and appearing on television, in films and onstage. Fields, who recorded many albums, has written songs recorded by Sarah Vaughan and Dinah Shore. He also composed "Miami Beach Rhumba," which was used in Woody Allen's "Deconstructing Harry."

Cowabunga! 'Ninja Turtles' bring box-office power

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" sliced off \$65 million at the weekend box office.

Paramount Pictures' comic-book adaptation featuring Megan Fox alongside computer-generated renditions of the pizza-eating, sewer-dwelling superheroes lunged into first place in its debut weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. The action film's totally tubular result prompted the studio to announce plans Sunday for a sequel set for June 3, 2016.

Megan Colligan, Paramount's head of domestic marketing and distribution, said the success of the "Ninja Turtles" reboot was mostly derived from a pair of distinctly different audiences: men who fondly remembered the 1980s and '90s franchise

1. **"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles,"** \$65 million (\$28.7 million international).
2. **"Guardians of the Galaxy,"** \$41.5 million (\$40.1 million international).
3. **"Into the Storm,"** \$18 million (\$8.3 million international).
4. **"The Hundred-Foot Journey,"** \$11.1 million.
5. **"Lucy,"** \$9.3 million (\$21 million international).
6. **"Step Up All In,"** \$6.5 million (\$6.5 million international).
7. **"Hercules,"** \$5.7 million (\$7.2 million international).
8. **"Get on Up,"** \$5 million.
9. **"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes,"** \$4.4 million (\$29.5 million international).
10. **"Planes: Fire & Rescue,"** \$2.4 million (\$3.5 million international).

that spawned a cartoon series, toy line and a live-action film trilogy, and youngsters familiar with a newer Nickelodeon animated TV series.

"It's odd when you have 25- to 35-year-olds and then 7- to 12-year-olds really excited about the same film," Colligan said. "The teen audience was actually the one that wasn't as familiar with the property, so we put a lot of focus on teens. I think we did a great job of getting them out there to see the film, which is so fun, refreshing and unique."

"Ninja Turtles," which also stars Will Arnett and William Fichtner, made an additional \$28.7 million in international markets such as Russia, Mexico, Malaysia, Singapore and Taiwan, bringing its worldwide total to a radical \$93.7 million.

In Celebration of His New Life

†Enrique Matagolai Litulumar

Lovingly known as "Pale Henry"

January 01, 1941 – August 07, 2014

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Parents: †Antonio "Silayoong" Litulumar and †Natividad Matagolai Litulumar
†Antonio O. Rogopes and †Juliana Rogopes

Parents In-Law: †Dolores L. Saures
†Guadalupe L. Kaipat

Brothers In-Law and Sisters In-Law: †Joaquin Romolor, †Isidro Romolor,
†Theodoro Romolor, †Francisco S. Kaipat, †Guillermo P. Saures,
†Juan B. Kaipat, †Herman R. Selepeo, †Benacio Igualiman,
†Concepcion R. Kaipat, †Dolores R. Selepeo, †Maxima Igualiman

Daughter In-Law: †Lisa Jacoba Limes Litulumar

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his Wife, Theodora Rogopes Romolor Litulumar

Children and Families:

Felipe R. and Terry Jeanne Litulumar (Karl Phillip and Jojo [Edian, Karl Jr., Kenken]; Caroleen and Lau [Bernida, Lau Jr., Carlos]; Apung and Rovana [Isa Lei]; Julieann [Jaiven]; Malulang Ryan; Felipe Evan Asopi; Alexander William)
Agustin Litulumar and Deborah Muusers (Sian and Becky Saures [Sebastian]; Kayla and Ando [Luis Joaquin, Lisa, Eziekel]; Vincent Anthony; Lilikoi Leilislo)
Carmen L. and Johannes Selbart (Kiyoni Kendra; Kenneth; Keesha)
Maxima L. and Victor Lisua (Aprilynn; Jacob; Troy; Vima)
Virginia L. and Bernard Lotoc (Berna Jean; Elloise; Jadrien)
Henry R. and Arsenia Litulumar (Frederick Henry; Hensley [TomTom]; Hope Lisa; Henry Jr.)
Ana Litulumar and Lawrence Takahashi (Ochilynn & Jacob; Rowena; Lawana)
Mercedes Litulumar and Tobias Jr. Aldan (Silayoong; Sammy Lee; Scottie; Gretha Leigh)
Rosa L. and James Blas (Jasmine; Jady; James Jr.; Audrea)

Reared Children: Rosa Mystica S. King, Aprilynn Lisua, Silayoong Litulumar, Kiyoni Kendra Litulumar

Sister: Carmen L. Kaipat

Brothers In-Law and Sisters In-Law: Juliana O. Romolor, Francisco R. & Isabel I. Romolor, Rosa R. Romolor, Zhaodi Romolor

He will be greatly missed by numerous nieces, nephews, family, friends and colleagues.

Daily Mass of Intentions are being celebrated every morning at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am and Holy Rosary is being recited nightly also at Kristo Rai Church at 7:30pm.

Funeral Services will be announced at a later date.

Please join us in prayers,

**Theodora Rogopes Romolor Litulumar,
Children and Families**

Woodley, Elgort among Teen Choice Awards winners

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Shailene Woodley and Ansel Elgort of “The Fault in Our Stars” rode a victorious wave at

the Teen Choice Awards.

The actors were honored with several prizes at Sunday’s fan-favorite extravaganza, includ-

ing choice drama movie actor and breakout movie star for Elgort and choice drama and action movie actress for “Di-

vergent” star Woodley. The pair was also awarded the surfboard-shaped trophy for choice movie lip-lock for their “Fault in Our Stars” smooch.

“I don’t surf or anything, so I guess I’m gonna put this on my wall,” said Elgort of the unique prize.

Demi Lovato kicked off the Teen Choice Awards with a performance and a win. After belting out her tune “Really Don’t Care,” the singer-actress surfed away with awards for choice summer song and

choice female summer music star. Lovato used her acceptance speech to pump up the crowd of mostly roaring teenagers.

“I want you guys to know that instead of just getting up here and saying a speech, every single one of you deserves to have a happy and incredible life, so be the best you can be in everything because your dreams can come true if you work hard for them,” beamed Lovato.

Teen Choice Awards co-hosts Tyler Posey of “Teen Wolf” and Sarah Hyland of “Modern

Family” said 165 million votes were cast online for the 16th annual awards, which honor movies, television, music, comedy, sports, fashion and Web stars in such silly categories as choice hottie, smile and villain, which went to “The Hunger Games” heavy Donald Sutherland.

“You named me the most villainous?” asked Sutherland, who showed up to the casual ceremony in a tuxedo. “My wife—I have been married for 42 years—my wife asked me to tell you that she agreed with you.”



Shailene Woodley, from left, Nat Wolff and Ansel Elgort accept the award for choice movie: drama for “The Fault In Our Stars” at the Teen Choice Awards at the Shrine Auditorium on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, in Los Angeles.

New life for song dubbed ‘viral hit of WWI’

LONDON (AP)—A century ago, British soldiers marched off to fight in World War I to a cheerful, bittersweet tune urging them to “Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag and smile, smile, smile!”

Now veterans, military families and serving soldiers have taken to the choir stands to give the hit song a new life and to mark 100 years since the start of the Great War.

A choir organized by a Brit-

ish military charity braved torrential rains to perform the song Sunday in central London, launching a new recording of what Aubrey Powell, the grandson of the original’s co-composer George Powell, described as “the viral hit of WWI.”

“Pack Up Your Troubles” was a widely-known music-hall style tune used to boost morale and a sense of unity among troops and on the home front.

“There couldn’t have been

a person alive then who didn’t know someone fighting. It affected everybody, and having that song united people,” said Rachel Smith, one of the musical directors involved in the project.

She added that the song’s simple melody and lyrics gave it its enduring appeal, and is still relevant today because it “makes us think a little more about what people were going through.”

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The tournament comes days after the announcement that 5,000 new words had been added to “The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary.”

Winners will be announced Wednesday.

Participants say the event is

competitive but social, providing opportunities for players to bond over their shared love of the popular board game.

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Madrid explodes in color during Holi festival



Revelers of the Holi Festival of Colors throw colored powders in the air in Madrid, Spain, Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014.

MADRID (AP)—A Madrid city square exploded in a color kaleidoscope when hundreds of Spaniards and tourists celebrated their version of a traditional Hindu religious festival.

Around 300 revelers packed the Plaza de Agustín de Lara on Saturday, where they tossed handfuls of colored powder at one another and danced to the rhythms made popular by India’s Bollywood films.

The Holi festival is held each spring in India and other countries in southern Asia where the Hindu religion is practiced, and its popularity has grown recent-

ly in other countries.

While the festival’s organizers in Madrid were mainly Hindu immigrants, the majority of the partygoers were young, scantily dressed Spaniards.

Participants bought small pouches of colored powder—red, blue, green, yellow, orange and purple—for €2 (\$2.68) each, which they then launched in the air, quickly turning the multitude into a seething mish-mash of rainbow colors.

Some had come dressed in all-white garb; others risked the ruin of whatever clothes they were wearing or went

shirtless to turn their torsos into canvases.

In India and Nepal, the Holi festival is celebrated by worshippers of Vishnu and one of his incarnations, Krishna. It is usually held in March to mark the beginning of the monsoon season.

The Mediterranean version was a purely festive affair that attracted many tourists. This was second time the festival was held in Madrid, but the first time it was held outdoors. Similar Holi festivals have been held in Barcelona and in other countries.

National Scrabble Championships start in New York

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—Scrabble fanatics from around the globe have come to Buffalo, New York, to compete for the \$10,000 top prize at the 25th National Scrabble Championships.

The Buffalo News reports (<http://bit.ly/1uCuDtf>) that the event has attracted 525 players from 11 countries. It started

Saturday.

Contenders will each play 31 games over five days, with winners based on number of victories and point totals.

One returning competitor is Nigel Richards, a 47-year-old Australian and resident of Malaysia who has won the past four championships.

Participants say the event is

competitive but social, providing opportunities for players to bond over their shared love of the popular board game.

The tournament comes days after the announcement that 5,000 new words had been added to “The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary.”

Winners will be announced Wednesday.

Woman mistaken for cougar wants a big cat, not a cub

and attire may send the wrong message, and that's why men in your target demographic aren't showing an interest. Talk to your friends about this and see what they have to offer.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a stressful job but do not work “regular” hours. I also care for my aged mother, which is like having another job. Because of this, I have little time to myself or to relax. During warm weather I enjoy taking an occasional break on my back deck, whether reading materials for work, enjoying a novel or catching a quick nap. Frequently, I’ll transact business on my cellphone.

Anytime my neighbor sees me sitting on my deck, he’ll come out of his house. He thinks it’s funny to say things like, “Boy, I wish I could be like you and not have to work,” or “Must be nice to just sit around.”

The first few times it was funny, but I no longer find it humorous—especially when I’m stressed out about work or my mother. Yesterday I warned him, “Don’t go there!”

How can I nicely let my neighbor know his joke is now stale and no longer appropriate? With all the pressure I’m under, he’s making even a quick break stressful.

BEHIND THE 8-BALL IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



DEAR BEHIND THE 8-BALL: Your neighbor may be a tad jealous of what he perceives as all your free time, or he may be a one-joke wonder who’s trying to be friendly. But the nicest and most direct way to get your message across would be to explain that you’re not only working from home, but also caring for your mother—and when you take these breaks, SOLITUDE is necessary.

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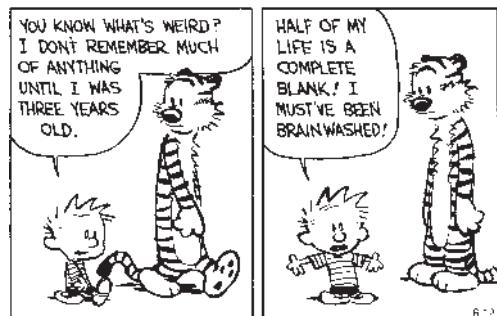
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DEAR IN A FUNK: Where’s your sense of humor? Instead of telling these young men you’re married, why not tell them something closer to the truth—that you’re old enough to be their mother and ask if they happen to have a single uncle.

Seriously, if the only men who pay attention to you are men in their early 20s, your problem may be the way you’re packaging the product you’re trying to sell. Your makeup, hairstyle

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes



By Bill Watterson



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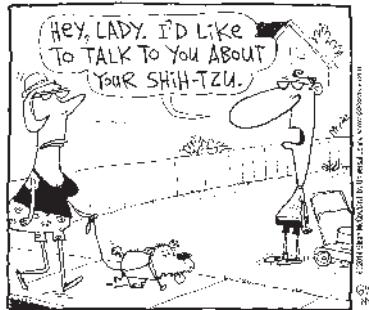
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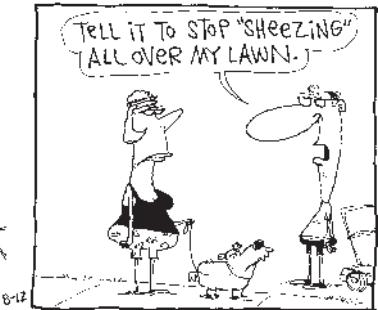
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The Duplex



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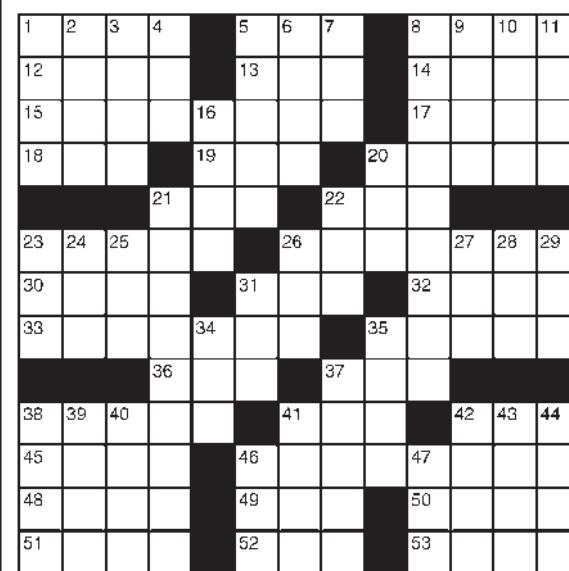


CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS									
1 FDR's dog	38 Clutch	3 Rickey ingredient	22 Carton	23 Actor	24 Raw mineral	25 Cow's comment	26 Stashed	27 Monkey suit	28 Indivisible
5 Awful	41 Evergreen type	4 Drink	Wheaton often	24 Raw mineral	25 Cow's comment	26 Stashed	27 Monkey suit	28 Indivisible	29 Homer's neighbor
8 Paddock papa	42 Go downhill rapidly?	5 Drum major	Keyboard face	3-Down	3-Down	3-Down	3-Down	3-Down	3-Down
12 Eager	43 Leftovers	46 Grand	Sigh. Do you think a dust-buster will suck drool out of the keys?	5 Drum major					
13 Experi	47 Grand	48 Opposed	6 Alkali neutralizer	6 Alkali neutralizer	6 Alkali neutralizer	6 Alkali neutralizer	6 Alkali neutralizer	6 Alkali neutralizer	6 Alkali neutralizer
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15 Not imported	51 Skye	51 Bank acct.	8 Snide	8 Snide	8 Snide	8 Snide	8 Snide	8 Snide	8 Snide
17 Clinton Cabinet member	52 Rawls or Reed	52 Rawls or Reed	9 Furniture store name	9 Furniture store name	9 Furniture store name	9 Furniture store name	9 Furniture store name	9 Furniture store name	9 Furniture store name
18 Ram's mate	53 Raced	53 Raced	10 Peel	10 Peel	10 Peel	10 Peel	10 Peel	10 Peel	10 Peel
19 Pea holder	DOWN	11 Grandson of Eve	11 Grandson of Eve	11 Grandson of Eve	11 Grandson of Eve	11 Grandson of Eve	11 Grandson of Eve	11 Grandson of Eve	11 Grandson of Eve
20 Oodles	1 Lose brightness	16 Whirled	16 Whirled	16 Whirled	16 Whirled	16 Whirled	16 Whirled	16 Whirled	16 Whirled
21 Enjoyment	2 Acknowledgment	20 Old French coin	20 Old French coin	20 Old French coin	20 Old French coin	20 Old French coin	20 Old French coin	20 Old French coin	20 Old French coin
22 Feathery neckwear	22 Feathery neckwear	21 "Great!"	21 "Great!"	21 "Great!"	21 "Great!"	21 "Great!"	21 "Great!"	21 "Great!"	21 "Great!"
23 John Lennon hit	23 John Lennon hit	Solution time: 22 mins.							
26 Rice University home	26 Rice University home								
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31 Selfies, e.g.									
32 Melody									
33 Acrobat's garb									
35 Good as new									
36 Actress Adams									
37 Pen name?									

Yesterday's answer 8-12



For answers to today's crossword, call 1-800-226-5955! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

STUMPED?

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Casey Affleck, 39; Rebecca Gayheart, 43; Pete Sampras, 43; Peter Krause, 49.

Happy Birthday: Take a different approach regarding money, medical and legal matters. Starting the process to change what you do or where you reside will bring renewed hope. Stabilize your situation at home by tying up loose ends in order to make room for new beginnings. Keeping life simple and within your means will eliminate stress and position you for a brighter future. Your numbers are 8, 19, 24, 29, 36, 38, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take pride in what you do and finish what you start. Participating in events that include your peers will bring good results and build strong alliances. A change in position is apparent if you share your thoughts and ideas. ☀️☀️

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stand up to whatever opposition you face. A change may be required if you want to get ahead. Letting anyone stand between you and your success will lead to regrets. Let your intuition guide you and call in favors. ☀️☀️☀️

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Learn from the experts and your own past experience and bring about changes at home or at work that will make you feel good about your accomplishments. Discuss your intentions with those most affected by your decisions. ☀️☀️☀️☀️

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Accepting change will be required. Use your skills wisely and take whatever time required

to improve what you have to offer. Keeping up with the times will make a difference to how successful you will be in the future. ☀️☀️

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of responsibilities without making a fuss. A joint money matter will raise emotional issues that are best addressed before the situation escalates. Good fortune is within reach if you are willing to accept and incorporate change. ☀️☀️

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stick to facts. If you deviate from the truth, someone will question you. Plan your actions transparently and you will receive support rather than opposition. A responsible attitude will give you more leeway to do as you please. ☀️☀️

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make plans for the future. Indulge in events that will bring you in contact with interesting people who can help you further your interests. A partnership will bring positive changes to your life. Think big and take a leap of faith. ☀️☀️

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Unusual changes to the way you live are favored as long as you don't go overboard. Stick to a good nutritious diet and refrain from taking on too much at once. Take advantage of opportunities that require discipline. ☀️☀️☀️☀️

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look at the big picture and see how you can manipulate the opportunities that head your way without jeopardizing what you already have. You'll have to walk a fine line when it comes to truth and emotional encounters. ☀️

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Rely on your practical, no-nonsense approach to life, love and happiness and you will succeed. The energy and effort you put into your work will result in greater recognition and job security. Love and romance are highlighted. ☀️☀️

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Handle your relationships with others carefully. You have a lot to gain if you are open about what you are willing to contribute. Don't allow anyone to guilt you into something that will take away from your success. Embrace change and you will succeed. ☀️☀️

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Indulge in something unique and different. The way you handle money matters, contracts or legal proceedings will determine your future fortune. You don't have to be aggressive, but you do have to wield an authoritative attitude. Clear thinking and creative solutions are favored. ☀️☀️

Birthday Baby: You are resilient, fun-loving and adaptable. You are encouraging and outgoing. Eugenia's website—eugenialast.com, Eugenia's android app @ <http://bit.ly/exhoro> and join Eugenia on twitter/facebook/linkedin.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

1		2			8			
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5	6	9						
9	2	7						
7			1		1			
4	2	9						
5			1	4	7	6		5
4			6					

Difficulty Level ★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

4	8	2	5	9	3	1	7	6
9	3	6	1	7	2	8	5	4
1	7	5	8	4	6	9	2	3
5	9	3	6	8	7	2	4	1
7	4	8	2	3	1	5	6	9
2	6	1	4	5	9	3	8	7
8	5	7	3	1	4	6	9	2
6	1	4	9	2	8	7	3	5
3	2	9	7	6	5	4	1	8

Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

IT'S JUST BREATHTAKING

Solution: 6 letters

N	E	P	O	V	E	R	W	H	E	L	M	I	N
R	A	L	U	C	T	C	E	P	S	B	S	A	N
G	P	E	R	F	O	R	M	A	N	C	E	U	I
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WHATZIT Solution: Eye shadow

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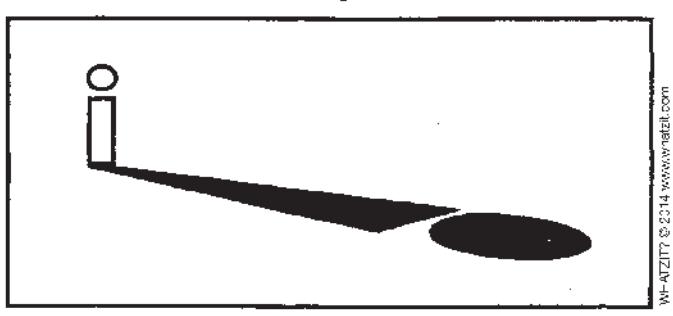
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/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS

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Is looking for a

HEAD COACH

January to December 2015

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- Introduce and demonstrate up to date training methods and playing techniques to players and then plan, organize, and conduct training and practice sessions.
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- Coach, train and prepare national team players for international competitions.
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- Instruct individuals or groups in sports rules, game strategies, and performance principles.
- Keep records of athletes, teams and opposing teams' performance and analyze the strength and weaknesses of opposing teams to develop game strategies.
- Take the lead for developing a multi-year strategic plan for the NMIFA.

Minimum Qualification:

- Bachelor's degree in Sports Science, Physical Education or related major plus 5 years minimum experience in the job offered. Resume must reflect the experience required and references will be verified.
- Applicant must be a Class A-Licensed Coach in soccer.
- Must have extensive experience in soccer sports development including development programs of youth, men and women national players.
- Can work flexible hours and available on weekends, holidays and weeknights.
- Must have international coaching experience at the national level.
- Can communicate effectively in English and understand and speaking other Asian languages is a plus.
- Familiarity with EAFF and AFC run programs and competitions will be highly considered.

Salary will be based on qualification. Please send resume and other documents showing all requirements to the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association - 3rd Floor, TSL Plaza, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan or PMB 338, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950 or Fax no. 1-670-233-6632 or email to rzapanta@nmifa.com. To be considered, resume must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm, Wednesday, August 20, 2014.

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Red Sox bounce back from 19-inning loss



ANAHEIM, California (AP)—Yoenis Cespedes hit a three-

run homer in the eighth inning and Rubby De La Rosa pitched five-hit ball into the eighth as the Red Sox bounced back from a 19-inning loss with a victory over the Angels, 3-1.

The teams returned just 12 hours after the longest game in the majors this season, a 6 1/2-hour epic won 5-4 by the Angels on Albert Pujols' homer well after midnight.

Mike Trout homered in the eighth for the Angels (68-49), who still have the majors' second-best record despite losing five of six.

Cespedes broke open a scoreless game with his first homer for the defending World Series champions, driving a pitch from Joe Smith (4-1) into the Boston bullpen in left.

Smith said he missed his location on the fateful slider by "a lot. About 428 feet, I think. ... Every time I miss, he's on it. That's what good hitters do. I missed and he got me. We'll battle again in about a week."

Smith has been outstanding for the Angels, but Cespedes has either scored or driven in seven of the 14 runs he has allowed this season. Smith hadn't allowed a run in 23 straight appearances over 23 2-3 innings before Cespedes connected to cap a rally started by first baseman Efren Navarro's error.

Both teams needed strong starts, and both pitchers came through.

Santiago threw six scoreless innings of two-hit ball for the Angels, allowing just one runner to reach third.

"I definitely could have gone back out there for the seventh, but there's nothing wrong with giving the ball to our bullpen right now," Santiago said.

De La Rosa (4-4) had eight strikeouts and blanked the Angels until Trout's homer on his 110th pitch.

"I had a rhythm, and I was really confident," De La Rosa said.

Koji Uehara pitched the ninth for his 25th save, striking out pinch-hitter Josh Hamilton with a runner on.

Blue Jays 6, Tigers 5

In Toronto, Jose Bautista's single in the 19th inning drove home the winning run as the Toronto Blue Jays came back from a five-run deficit to win the longest game in club history, beating the Detroit Tigers 6-5 on Sunday.

Munenori Kawasaki singled off starter Rick Porcello (13-7) to begin the 19th and advanced to third when second baseman Ian Kinsler couldn't field an errant throw from Porcello on Jose Reyes' sacrifice bunt. Melky Cabrera was intentionally walked to load the bases for Bautista, who ended it with a single to right over the drawn-in outfield, sending his teammates streaming out of the dugout in celebration.

At 6 hours, 37 minutes, it was the longest game by time in Blue Jays history, easily surpassing a 5:57 game against the Yankees on April 19, 2001.

It was the second 19-inning game in as many days. The Los Angeles Angels beat the Boston Red Sox 5-4 on Saturday night.

Dodgers 5, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Clayton Kershaw won his 14th game to tie for the National League lead as the Dodgers beat the Brewers to avoid a three-game sweep in a matchup of divisional leaders.

Kershaw (14-2) allowed a run and six hits with two walks and six strikeouts in eight innings.

Nevertheless, the left-handed ace lowered his league-leading ERA to 1.78. Adrian Gonzalez drove in two runs, and scored the go-ahead run in the fifth off Jimmy Nelson (2-3).

Kershaw also reached base three times and had an RBI single in the eighth.

Mariners 4, White Sox 2

In Seattle, Austin Jackson, acquired in a trade with the Detroit Tigers before the deadline, matched a career-high with four RBIs to lead the Mariners to a victory over the White Sox.

Logan Morrison began a two-out rally for the Mariners in the second inning

Hand (2-4) allowed five hits and seven runs with three walks—all of them in the fifth—and two strikeouts.

Reds 7, Marlins 2

In Cincinnati, Devin Mesoraco hit his third grand slam of the season and drove in six runs as the Reds salvaged the finale of a three-game series against the Marlins.

Brad Hand walked Todd Frazier with the bases loaded in the fifth to break a 2-all tie. Mesoraco followed with his second homer of the game and 20th of the season.

The fifth-inning outburst gave Johnny Cueto (14-6) some breathing room. In eight innings, he allowed five hits—two homers—with two walks and nine strikeouts.

Hand (2-4) allowed five hits and seven runs with three walks—all of them in the fifth—and two strikeouts.

Giancarlo Stanton, the NL's home

the Twins ended a 12-game losing streak to Oakland by beating the Athletics.

Brian Dozier connected for his 20th homer in the first before Suzuki and Willingham each had a big hit against Luke Gregerson (2-2) in the eighth.

Phil Hughes (12-8) allowed four hits in seven innings for his second straight victory.

Cubs 3, Rays 2, 12 innings

In Chicago, Anthony Rizzo hit a game-ending RBI single in the 12th inning as the Cubs beat the Rays to avoid a three-game sweep.

The last-place Cubs struck out 17 times, running their total to 44 for the weekend series, but Rizzo and touted rookie Javier Baez had two hits apiece to key a 13-hit attack. Carlos Villan-

producing double and Perez scoring on a wild pitch.

Duffy (7-10) limited the Giants to three hits, over 6 2-3 innings but permitted four runs.

Lincecum, a two-time Cy Young Award winner, was roughed up for six runs on seven hits and three walks in 3 1-3 innings.

Rockies 5, Diamondbacks 3, 10 innings

In Phoenix, Corey Dickerson hit a tie-breaking homer with two outs in the top of the 10th inning as the Rockies avoided a seventh straight loss to the Diamondbacks.

Dickerson, hitless in four previous at-bats, sent an 0-1 pitch from Oliver Perez (2-2) into the pool deck in right field for his 14th home run of the season.

The Rockies snapped a three-game skid overall and won for just the second time in 10 games.

Ben Paulsen, called up Sunday to replace the injured Carlos Gonzalez on the roster, hit his first major league home run in the second.

Matt Belisle (3-6) got one out by working out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the ninth for the win.

Padres 8, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Tyson Ross recovered from a two-run first to pitch six strong innings and Seth Smith hit a bases-loaded triple, leading the Padres to a victory over the Pirates.

Ross (11-10) allowed Gregory Polanco's two-run shot in the first then shut down the Pirates. He yielded six hits and walked two.

Charlie Morton retired the first 10 batters he faced before Yangervis Solarte walked with one out in the fourth and scored Yonder Alonso's single.

Morton (5-11) was lifted after the fifth, responsible for five runs, five hits, a walk and five strikeouts.

Rangers 6, Astros 2

In Houston, Nick Martinez got his first win since May 24 and Adrian Beltre and Choo Shin-soo both homered to lead the Rangers to a victory over the Astros, ending a seven-game skid against their in-state rivals.

Martinez (2-8), who was pitching on five extra days' rest, allowed five hits and two runs over five innings to end a seven-game losing streak.

Keuchel (10-8) allowed six hits and tied a season-high with five runs in six innings.

Braves 3, Nationals 1

In Atlanta, Alex Wood set a career high with 12 strikeouts in 7 1-3 innings as Atlanta continued its recent success against Washington.

By winning two of three in the weekend series, Atlanta cut Washington's lead to 3½ games in the NL East. The Braves are 9-4 against the Nationals this season and 22-10 over the last two years.

Justin Upton homered for the Braves, who had lost nine of their last 10.

Ian Desmond's fourth-inning homer was the only run allowed by Wood.

With the game tied 1-1, Emilio Bonifacio led off the fifth with a bunt single and scored the go-ahead run on Jason Heyward's infield hit off Gio Gonzalez (6-9).

Wood (8-9), who allowed five hits, set another career high by throwing 124 pitches.



Closer Koji Uehara, 19, and right fielder Yoenis Cespedes, 52, of the Boston Red Sox celebrate after their win against the Los Angeles Angels at the Angel Stadium of Anaheim on August 10, 2014, in Anaheim, California. AP

off Chicago's John Danks (9-8) with a hard line drive single off the wall in right field. Infield singles by Chris Taylor and Jesus Sucre loaded the bases for Jackson.

A career .400 hitter against Danks, Jackson doubled down the left field line to give the Mariners a 3-0 lead. He finished 3 for 4.

Dominic Leone (5-2) picked up the victory and Fernando Rodney earned his 33rd save.

Phillies 7, Mets 6

In Philadelphia, Ryan Howard had a game-ending single with two outs in the ninth inning after pinch-hitter Marlon Byrd had a tying hit as the Phillies pulled out a victory over the Mets.

Chase Utley singled, tripled, homered and drove in three runs for the Phillies, who snapped a five-game skid against the Mets.

Lucas Duda and Travis d'Arnaud homered for New York.

Jenrry Mejia (5-5) got the loss then, after the game, revealed he had a hernia problem.

Ken Giles (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth to cap four innings of scoreless relief by three Phillies relievers.

Indians 4, Yankees 1

In New York, Carlos Carrasco rejoined the Cleveland rotation in fine fashion by pitching five dominant innings as the Indians nearly tossed another shutout at Yankee Stadium, beating New York.

Jacoby Ellsbury homered with two outs in the ninth off Indians closer Cody Allen, ending New York's season-worst scoreless streak at 19 innings.

Jason Kipnis got three hits and scored three runs as the Indians finished 4-3 against New York — only twice in the last 22 years has Cleveland taken the season matchup.

Carrasco (4-4) allowed just two singles, walked none, struck out four and retired his last 11 batters.

Cleveland evened its record at 59-59 by taking advantage of a surprisingly shaky Hiroki Kuroda (7-8).

Twins 6, Athletics 1

In Oakland, Kurt Suzuki hit a tiebreaking double and Josh Willingham added two-run homer in the eighth inning as

ueva (5-6) pitched a scoreless inning to earn the victory.

Cardinals 8, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Rookie Kolten Wong had four hits and scored twice, Peter Bourjos homered as the Cardinals beat the Orioles to avoid a three-game sweep.

After allowing nine home runs in losing the first two games of the series by a collective 22-5 score, the Cardinals amassed a season-high 17 hits — 14 of them singles.

St. Louis right-hander Lance Lynn (12-8) gave up three runs and nine hits over 5 2-3 innings, only the second time in his last 12 starts that he allowed more than two runs.

Baltimore starter Kevin Gausman (6-4) allowed three runs and eight hits in five innings.

Royals 7, Giants 4

In Kansas City, Alex Gordon and Salvador Perez each homered and Danny Duffy pitched into the seventh inning as the Royals beat the Giants to extend their winning streak to seven games.

Gordon hit a two-run shot off Tim Lincecum (9-8) in a four-run first. The inning also included Billy Butler's run-

McIlroy wins PGA in thrilling show on soggy turf



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Rory McIlroy stood over a 10-inch putt in gathering darkness to win the PGA Championship as flashes from thousands of camera lit up Valhalla like a rock concert.

Everyone wanted to capture a moment from golf's latest coronation.

In his biggest test, McIlroy played his best golf Sunday to win his second straight major and establish himself as golf's next star.

And what a stage.

The final major was pure theater with an All-Star cast—Phil Mickelson, Rickie Fowler, Henrik Stenson all with a share of the lead on the back nine. The final two hours were filled with eagles and birdies, with tension and chaos.

McIlroy never had to sweat so much to win one of golf's biggest events. And that's what made this major so much sweeter.

"It is the most satisfying," McIlroy said. "To win it in this fashion and this style, it means a lot. It means that I know that I can do it. I know that I can come from behind. I know that I can mix it up with the best players in the world down the stretch in a major and come out on top."

The final par—the easiest shot he faced all day—gave McIlroy a 3-under 68 to outlast Mickelson by a stroke and beat the darkness that threatened to spoil this show. He became only the fourth player in the last century to win four majors at 25 or younger. The others were Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Bobby Jones, three of the game's greatest players.

Boy Wonder appears on his way to belonging in that group.

"I didn't think in my wildest dreams I'd have a summer like this," said McIlroy, only the seventh player to win the last two majors of the year. "I played the best golf of my life. I really gutted it out today."

He finished at 16-under 268, the lowest score to win the PGA in 13 years.

But one of the greatest shows on soggy turf came with a most peculiar ending.

Three shots behind as he stood in the 10th fairway, McIlroy got back in the game with a 3-wood from 281 yards into 7 feet for eagle. He took the outright lead when all three of his



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, speaks to the media during a news conference after winning the PGA Championship golf tournament at Valhalla Golf Club on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, in Louisville, Ky.

Mickelson in, Dufner out for US Ryder Cup team

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Phil Mickelson picked up a small consolation Sunday after his runner-up finish in the PGA Championship. He extended his American record by qualifying for his 10th consecutive Ryder Cup team.

The PGA Championship was the final qualifying event for nine Americans to make the team that will try to win back the cup from Europe on Sept. 26-28 in Scotland.

Mickelson's feat is amazing in this era of greater depth. He qualified for his first team just two years after Jordan Spieth was born. They will be teammates at Gleneagles.

Making the team on his own was important to the five-time major champion, and he didn't want Tom Watson to spend one of his three captain's picks on him. Mickelson effectively wrapped up his spot going into the final round, and then nearly won the PGA Championship until falling

one shot short of Rory McIlroy.

With his runner-up finish—points count double in a major—Mickelson moved up to No. 5.

Masters champion Bubba Watson led the final points list for the first time and will play in his third Ryder Cup. He was followed by Jim Furyk, Rickie Fowler, Jimmy Walker, Mickelson, Matt Kuchar, Spieth, Patrick Reed and Zach Johnson.

Jason Dufner fell out of the top nine. Dufner withdrew from the PGA Championship on Thursday because of a neck injury and was not sure how long he would be out.

Johnson was assured of passing Dufner by making the cut. Johnson closed with a 77, and he wound up 8.974 points ahead of Dufner, or the equivalent of \$8,974.

Ryan Moore was at No. 11, followed by Brendon Todd and Keegan Bradley, who missed the cut.

Watson will make his three picks

on Sept. 2, giving players at least three weeks to audition for him next week at the Wyndham Championship, and then the opening two FedEx Cup playoff events at The Barclays and Deutsche Bank Championship.

Tiger Woods, who missed the cut by five shots at the PGA Championship with a sore back, finished at No. 70 and is not playing again the rest of the season. Dustin Johnson would have qualified for the team except that he is taking a "voluntary leave" indefinitely to confront what he described as personal challenges.

Europe has never been this big of a favorite with six weeks to go before the matches.

For the first time, Europeans won three of the four majors - McIlroy at the British Open and PGA Championship, and Martin Kaymer at the U.S. Open. Henrik Stenson, who tied for third at the PGA, moved up to No. 2 behind McIlroy in European points.

challengers eventually made bogey, and finally gave himself some breath-

ing room. With a 9-iron from a fairway bunker to 10 feet for birdie on the 17th,

he took a two-shot lead going to the par-5 closing hole.

"That's a good spot to be," he said after finishing second in 1:56.55. "I'm a lot happier with finishing like that than having some of the sub-par performances that I've had throughout the final sessions in this meet."

Lochte's time was second-fastest in the world this year; Phelps' was third-quickest.

"If you go out in that race it's pretty painful in the end," Phelps said.

It was Lochte's first victory of the five-day meet after finishing second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 200 backstroke.

"I guess we can say this is kind of our off-year," Lochte said of him and Phelps. "Well, I can say that."

Four months into his comeback, Phelps came up empty. He finished second in the 100 butterfly, sixth in the 100 back and seventh in the 100 free. But those second places were enough

to qualify him for the Pan Pacific Championships this month, where swimmers can compete in any events they want.

"I'd rather lose all the national championships that I swim in as long as I'm ready for the big races," he said.

Olympian Tyler Clary was third in 1:57.94.

Lochte and Clary are headed to Australia for Pan Pacs, too.

Lochte took the medals stand in glitzy green high-tops with attachable wings.

"I kind of like the wings," he said. "They're helping me out. I should have worn them all week."

Anthony Ervin won his first 50 free-style national title in 13 years, upsetting five-time champion and training partner Nathan Adrian.

"Unexpected," Ervin said. "I still feel like I haven't let that fully sink in."

Because of a two-hour rain delay earlier, darkness was falling quickly and it wasn't certain McIlroy would be able to finish.

McIlroy was allowed to hit his tee shot before Mickelson and Fowler had reached their drives. Both were only two shots behind, still in the game. McIlroy came within a yard of hitting in a hazard right of the fairway.

Then, the PGA of America allowed McIlroy to hit his second shot. Mickelson and Fowler had to stand to the side of the green.

"We were cool with hitting the tee shot," Fowler said. "We weren't expecting the approach shots."

Fowler had a 50-foot eagle attempt to tie for the lead. He was well off the mark, and missed the short birdie putt attempt that cost him his third straight runner-up finish in a major. Mickelson was short of the green, and his chip came within inches of dropping for an eagle that would have tied him for the lead.

Mickelson appeared upset that they had to wait to finish the hole—not standard procedure in a PGA Tour event—and he made two references in a TV interview that this is the only championship the PGA of America runs all year.

"It didn't affect the outcome of the championship at all, I don't think," Mickelson said. "It's not what we normally do. It's not a big deal either way."

Mickelson closed with a 66 and was runner-up for the ninth time in a major.

Fowler became the first player in history to finish in the top five at all four majors without winning one. He closed with a 68 and tied for third with Stenson, who fell out of a share of the lead by missing a 3-foot par putt on the 14th hole. Stenson shot a 66.

McIlroy hit his second shot into a bunker, and he had to two-putt from 35 feet for the win. He lagged the first one to tap-in range, and the major was his.

McIlroy repeatedly pumped his fist before letting out a scream above the gallery that had been treated to a Sunday it won't soon forget.

McIlroy won his first two majors by eight shots at the 2011 U.S. Open and 2012 PGA Championship. Only a month ago, McIlroy took a six-shot lead into the final round of the British Open and completed a wire-to-wire win with only a brief scare.

This was different.

Ervin, at 33 the oldest man in the final, won the chaotic sprint in 21.55 seconds, third-quickest in the world. The 2000 Olympic champion in the event raised both tattoo-sleeved arms in triumph.

"I've been doing the no-breath since 2000," he said, smiling.

Adrian took second in 21.69, and two-time champion Cullen Jones was third in 21.83.

Simone Manuel won the women's 50 free in 24.56 to go with her second-place finish in the 100 free.

Natalie Coughlin, at 31 the oldest woman competing at nationals, finished sixth. She failed to make her record-tying fifth Pan Pacific team and as a result won't qualify for next year's world championships. That leaves Coughlin out of the two biggest international meets leading up to the 2016 Rio Olympics.

Phelps winless in US Nationals

IRVINE, Calif. (AP)—Ryan Lochte and Michael Phelps, a couple of Olympic champions on the comeback trail, got a step closer to finding their form.

Lochte beat Phelps to win the 200-meter individual medley at the U.S. national championships Sunday night, leaving Phelps winless in four races at his biggest meet since coming out of retirement.

They weren't in their usual lanes in the center of the pool. Those spots go to the fastest qualifiers.

Lochte was in lane two and Phelps was in lane six. They couldn't see each other either, with Phelps breathing toward the stands and Lochte the other way.



Still, the race came down to the two old rivals, with Phelps chasing Lochte for a change.

Lochte, the world champion, led all the way and touched in 1 minute, 56.50 seconds. He is coming off major knee surgery, and had a setback at a meet in April, all of which limited his time in the water.

"This year has been up and down, but I'm glad I got a win knowing that I really haven't done the work I wanted to," he said. "I always relied on my training, but this year I haven't done that training so my confidence was low."

Phelps, the three-time Olympic champion in the event, was saying the same thing, although he pronounced himself pleased with his time.

Wiggins prefers Timberwolves over Cavs



OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP)—Andrew Wiggins told Kansas coach Bill Self that he wants to be traded from Cleveland to Minnesota because the No. 1 overall pick believes it will be better for his long-term future.

Wiggins joined his former coach as a guest instructor at Self's basketball camp in suburban Kansas City on Sunday. And while Wiggins declined to speak to the few reporters at Shawnee Mission West High School, Self said the rookie wants to carve out his own legacy in the NBA.

"When all this trade stuff started, I talked to Andrew and Andrew told me, 'I hope I get traded,'" Self said. "And I'm like, 'No you don't.' And he said, 'Coach, I do. It's better for me, knowing my personality and what I need to do, to go somewhere where I'm forced to be something as opposed to going in there where they're going to be patient with me and I'm going to be a piece."

Earlier this week, The Associated Press and several other outlets reported a deal has been reached to send Wiggins, Anthony Bennett and a first-round pick to Minnesota for All-Star forward Kevin Love, who will join LeBron James and Kyrie Irving to form a new "Big 3" in Cleveland.

The deal cannot be consummated until Aug. 23, when Wiggins is eligible to be traded.

Self said that he initially thought everything worked out perfectly for Wiggins, who would have a chance to win immediately in Cleveland. But he also saw Wiggins' point: The low-key, soft-spoken swingman could fare better if he's carrying the weight of a franchise.

That would never have happened if Wiggins was playing in James's lengthy shadow.

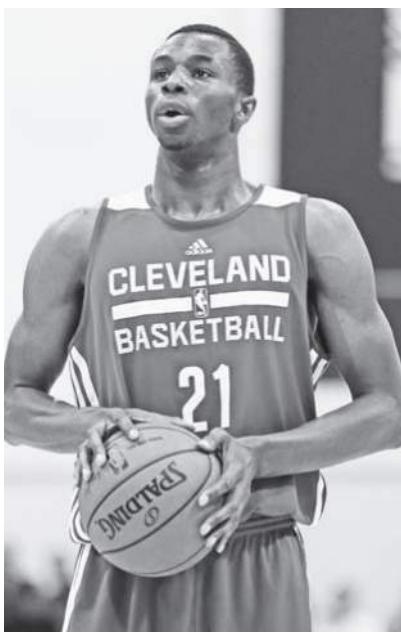
"Even though in a weird way everybody would love the opportunity to play with LeBron because you're guaranteed winning," Self said, "for the longevity of his career, he needs to develop that mindset to be the guy, for him to be great, and I think being Minnesota will help him do that."

Wiggins, who set numerous freshman records during his lone season with the Jayhawks, also appears to be a good fit for the Timberwolves. While his defense is already NBA-caliber, Wiggins will be able to develop his offense alongside point guard Ricky Rubio in an up-tempo system.

Speaking of that offense, Wiggins took part in a modified game of horse on Saturday against former Kansas stars Jeff Graves, Jeff Hawkins and several young campers. After clinking a series of 3-pointers off the iron, Wiggins was the first contestant to be eliminated.

He took the ouster with a smile and a shrug, just as he has all of the trade talk.

"I think he's handled everything



In this July 11, 2014, file photo, Andrew Wiggins of the Cleveland Cavaliers prepares to take a free throw against the Milwaukee Bucks at an NBA summer league basketball game in Las Vegas.

great. He's excited," Self said. "I think the whole thing that's been blown out of proportion a bit is that he's been in limbo. He's known since the summer that he'd be traded. It's OK. In some ways he's looking forward to going to Minnesota."

Meanwhile, the U.S. national basketball team has added Rudy Gay, who helped them win a gold medal four years

ago and asked to rejoin the team following a series of player withdrawals.

USA Basketball managing director Jerry Colangelo received a call Thursday night, shortly after Kevin Durant pulled out, and was told that Gay was available if he and coach Mike Krzyzewski were interested.

"We both felt he would be a valuable addition because of his outstanding skills and the fact that he is so familiar with USA Basketball and our national team program," Colangelo said Friday in a statement. "Rudy has been an integral member of USA Basketball since 2005 and was a tremendous contributor to our 2010 world championship team. He has a lot of equity in the USA Basketball national team."

Gay, the Sacramento Kings forward, appeared in all nine games for the Americans in the 2010 world championship, averaging 7.0 points off the bench. He also was one of the last cuts made by the 2012 Olympic team.

The U.S. roster is back at 16 players. The Americans resume practice Thursday in Chicago, with the World Cup of Basketball set to begin on Aug. 30 in Spain. They will have to cut to 12 before then.

"I am extremely excited to once again be part of Team USA and its rich tradition," Gay said. "I can't wait to join my teammates in Chicago and work hard to make certain the USA takes home the gold in Spain."

in next year's Pacific Games, making the CNMI still the defending champion in the sport. The Tony Rogolifoi-managed team won the baseball gold in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia after downing Guam in the finals, 8-4.

Tyce Mister and Chris Nelson also joined the Pacific Games in New Caledonia, as they competed in beach volleyball.

Next year's Pacific Games will feature 28 sports. Completing the list are basketball, bodybuilding, boxing, cricket, hockey, karate, lawn bowls, netball, powerlifting, Rugby League 9's, Rugby 7's, sailing, shooting, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, touch, triathlon, va'a, volleyball, and weightlifting.

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teams/athletes in the PNG-hosted event or not last Thursday during the NMSA monthly meeting and initially only golf and athletics made their commitment to the Games.

"Ji Hoon and Colin will have their internship next year, but both are interested in joining the Pacific Games. As for the two other players, we could have Tommy Choi or Amami Sakano," Race said.

Heo was a member of the men's tennis team of the Morehead State University, an NCAA Division I school, and was the Eagles No. 3 player in singles

and No. 1 in doubles. He also played his first two years of collegiate tennis at Hawaii Pacific University and joined a few tournaments in Europe. Sinclair is based in New York and last played in the 2013 Lacoste GVB Futures Tennis Tournament in Guam last year.

For the women's team, Race is considering Thea Minor and Tammy Ackerman.

"Thea is now in college, but I hope she will come back and play for us. Tammy is doing well in Thailand and she just got 12.5 Junior ITF points from a tournament in Malaysia," the CNMI Hall of Famer added.

Minor will be suiting up for a collegiate team in New Mexico after dominating the girls U18 competition

neck in the third period with Gwap Gang hanging on to a one-point cushion, 63-62, before losing the upper hand after failing to contain Bisana and Norita in the fourth frame.

Norita and Bisana outgunned Darag and Kelvin Fitial in a shootout in the payoff quarter, 22-20, and the former pair got some help early in the fourth to pull off the three-point win. Mike Espinosa and Ferdie Tobias posted the six other points of SSFM in the fourth quarter, while Sean Rabasto and Shane Deleon Guerrero connected only one field goal apiece for Gwap Gang.

Meanwhile, in last Friday's second game, Ali'i cruise past Morales Boys, 85-75.

putting skills at Kanoa Resort, while over at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium basketball games will be played with each team allowed to have 10 players on their roster. Each match will be played in four-minute halves.

For the final day, participants will head back to the TSL Sports Complex for the table tennis competition, which

on Saipan and in the North Pacific for the past several years. Ackerman once trained at the ITF facility in Fiji before moving to Thailand. Both played in the 2013 and 2014 Junior ITF events Saipan hosted.

Race said they could add more players on the women's squad, depending on the performance and availability of the CNMI junior players months before the competition in PNG kicks off.

Meanwhile, White is encouraging the federations that will compete in PNG to start fundraising now. Athletes and officials going to Port Moresby will have to worry only the airfare cost, as the host country is charging no per diem for the first 50 delegates from each nation.

Curiously, there is no baseball team

The defending champion opened a 66-51 spread after the third period and exchanged baskets with Morales Boys in the fourth canto to protect its double-digit margin.

Young guns Kobee Mendoza and Karlo De Leon led Ali'i, scoring 26 and 16 points, respectively. Two other Ali'i players finished in twin digits with Badong Camacho chipping in 14 and Errol Peredo adding 11. Mendoza dropped 10 of his total points in the third to turn a 44-36 advantage to a 15-point margin, while Camacho, De Leon, and Peredo contributed at least two baskets each.

Nelson Samson had 24 for Morales Boys, which got 13 markers from Joy Dayrit.

will have single, doubles, and mixed doubles event. A banquet will also take place at the conclusion of the competitions on Aug. 22 with the venue to be announced later.

Registration for the sports fest is ongoing. Clinics and training drills have also started and will continue until Friday to prepare participants. For more

Friday Game

Ali'i 85 — Mendoza 26, De Leon 16, Camacho 14, Peredo 12, Devero 7, Garcia 4.

Morales Boys 75 — Samson 24, Dayrit 13, Rangamar 44, Dela Rama 11, Jose 10, Morales 7.

Scoring by quarters: 24-20, 44-36, 66-51, 85-75.

Saturday Game

SSFM 90 — Bisana 29, Norita 22, Espinosa 15, Aguon 6, Echavez 4, Tobias 3, Salazar 3.

Gwap Gang 87 — Darag 25, Fitial 20, Deleon Guerrero 11, Rabasto 11, Factor 4, Ano 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-23, 39-40, 62-63, 90-87.

information, call the SSS office at 235-0560, extension 148.

The sports fest is supported by Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, IT&E, Kanoa Resort, Northern Marianas Sports Association, Northern Marianas Badminton Association, Gatorade, and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation (*Saipan Tribune*).

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	67	50	.573	—
Toronto	63	56	.529	5
New York	61	56	.521	6
Tampa Bay	57	60	.487	10
Boston	52	65	.444	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	63	52	.548	—
Kansas City	63	53	.543	½
Cleveland	59	59	.500	5½
Chicago	56	63	.471	9
Minnesota	52	64	.448	11½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	63	53	.543	—
Atlanta	60	57	.513	3½
Miami	57	60	.487	6½
New York	56	62	.475	8
Philadelphia	53	65	.449	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	65	53	.551	—
St. Louis	62	54	.534	2
Pittsburgh	62	55	.530	2½
Cincinnati	60	58	.508	5
Chicago	50	66	.431	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	72	45	.615	—
San Francisco	68	49	.581	4
Seattle	62	55	.530	10
Houston	49	69	.415	23½
Texas	46	71	.393	20

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky—Scores Saturday from the \$10-million PGA Championship, played at the 7,458-yard, par-71 course at Valhalla Golf Club.

FINAL ROUND

Rory McIlroy (600), \$1,800,000	66-67-67-68—268
Phil Mickelson (330), \$1,080,000	69-67-67-66—269

Kinalamten I Islas Summer Basketball Camp

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Participants and volunteers in the Kinalamten I Islas Summer Basketball Camp pose for a photo at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last month.



Participants show their certificates of completion.



Participants pose with their certificates of completion.



Participants pose for a photo after getting their certificates of completion.



Participants show their certificates of completion.



Participants of the camp huddle with their coaches before the scrimmage.



Two players jump for the ball to start their scrimmage.



A participant tries to keep the ball away from his defender.



BANMI's Abner Venus talks to participants before starting drills.



Three players fight for possession.



McIlroy wins PGA in thrilling show on soggy turf

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NMI to join 5 events in Pacific Games

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The CNMI will have entries in five sports in the 2015 Pacific Games that will be held in Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea.

In an email sent to the local organizing committee last Friday, Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael White indicated that the Commonwealth will field athletes in the golf, beach volleyball athletics, lawn tennis, and triathlon competitions in next year's Pacific Games that will run from July 4 to 18.

Northern Marianas Athletics has committed to send four male and four female athletes and one official in PNG, which Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association listed both men and women's squads. Refaluwasch Golf Association will send four male, while Northern Mariana Islands Triathlon Federation will have



two male triathletes and one female. Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association listed four male players, two female, and one official, bringing the total of CNMI delegates to 29 (including team officials and management).

NMITA president Jeff Race, in an telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, said former CNMI junior player Ji Hoon Heo and Colin Sinclair have expressed interest in representing the Commonwealth to the Pacific Games so the local tennis group made the last-minute decision to field a team for next year's competition.

Local sports groups were asked whether they will field

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Ji Hoon Heo, seen here playing for Hawaii Pacific University, is interested in representing the CNMI to the 2015 Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea.

SSFM bags third straight win

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Cecilio Bisana and Jerome Norita scored 20-plus points to lift SSFM to a 90-87 win over Gwap Gang in the second match in the 2014 DLX Invitational Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

The victory was third in a row for SSFM, which drew 29 points from Bisana and 22 from Norita. Bisana nailed 12 of his total markers in the nip-and-tuck fourth period, including six of SSFM's last eight points. Norita hit two early triples in the fourth and had 10 markers in the final canto.

The Top 2 scorers on SSFM's side alternately carried

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Gwap Gang's Erick Dela Rosa drives strong to the basket and is challenged by SSFM's Mike Espinosa during the fourth quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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'My Pal' sports fest kicks off next week

The inaugural CNMI "My Pal" Special Sports Fest will be held next week at the various sports facilities on Saipan.

The event, which will run from Aug. 18 to 22 is for children with disabilities and are in the 6 to 12 and 13 to 14 age groups. The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, DCCA's Child Care Development Fund, and Saipan Soccer School are teaming up in bringing this first-ever sports fest for children with disabilities. Participants will compete in basketball, badminton, bowling, table tennis, soccer, futsal,

track and field, softball, and kayak racing.

The sports fest will kick off with the torch lighting ceremony at the Kanoa Resort all the way to the track oval of the Oleai Sports Complex on Aug. 18. Also at the opening day, the competition will begin at the TSL Sports Complex (from 1pm to 3pm) with participants joining the badminton event. The badminton tournament will feature doubles and mixed doubles events and balloon and shuttlecock toss.

For Day 2, the competition will start at 9am in the waters

at Hyatt Regency Saipan for the kayak race. In the afternoon, participants will head to the Saipan Bowling Center to compete in a team event.

In Day 3, it will be the turn of baseball/softball with participants joining the base race, hitting contest, and throwing/catching drills. Also set in Day 3 is the track and field events with participants joining the 50m and 100m individual runs and the 200m, 300m, and 400m relay races. The last two events in Day 3 will be soccer and futsal. For soccer, each team will

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Children race in the 100m run, while others wait for their turn at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field facility, which will be one of the venues of the "My Pal" Special Sports Fest next week.